List of years in television

This page indexes the individual **year in television** pages. Each year is annotated with a significant event as a reference point.

Before 1930[edit]

- **1900**: The word "television" is coined by Constantin Perskyi at the First International Electricity Congress in Paris, part of the International World Fair
- **1907**: Boris Rosing transmits silhouette images of geometric shapes, using a Nipkow disk, mirror-drum, and a cathode ray tube receiver.
- **1908**: In a letter to *Nature*, A.A. Campbell-Swinton describes the modern electronic camera and display system which others are to develop throughout the 1920s.
- **1923**: Vladimir Zworykin patents the "iconoscope", the first ancestor of the electric scanning television camera.
- **1925**: On October 2, John Logie Baird achieves transmission and remote display of the first television pictures in his laboratory.
- **1926**: On January 26, Baird gives the first public demonstration of mechanical television to members of the Royal Institution. This is generally regarded as the world's first public demonstration of a true television set.
- **1927**: Baird demonstrates the first ever system for recording television. His Phonovision system records pictures and sound on conventional 78rpm gramophone records. On January 1 British Broadcasting Corporation receives a royal charter, the American network NBC is founded.
- **1928**: Baird demonstrates a mechanical color television system. On May 28, the first television station, W2XB (forerunner to WRGB), begins broadcasting mechanical television in Schenectady, New York. Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) is founded.
- **1929**: In September, the Baird Television Development Company begins experimental broadcasting in association with the BBC. Regular experimental broadcasting started in Germany by the TV Station Paul Nipkow.

1930s[edit]

- **1930**: Baird installs a television at 10 Downing Street, London, the British Prime Minister's residence. On July 14, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and his family use it to watch the first ever television drama, *The Man with the Flower in His Mouth*.
- **1931**: Allen B. DuMont perfects long-lasting reliable cathode ray tubes later used for television reception. TV reaches the Soviet Union and France.

- **1932**: The BBC starts a regular public television broadcasting service in the UK.

- **1933**: The first television revue, *Looking In*, is broadcast on the BBC. The musical revue featured the Paramount Astoria dancing girls. Broadcast live by the BBC using John Logie Baird's 30-line mechanical television system, part of this performance was recorded onto a 7" aluminum disc using a primitive home recording process called Silvatone. This footage, which runs to just under four minutes, is the oldest surviving recording of broadcast television.http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0479704/trivia?ref_=tt_trv_trv

- **1934**: Philo Farnsworth demonstrates a non-mechanical television system. The agreement for joint experimental transmissions by the BBC and John Logie Baird's company comes to an end. First 30 Line Mechanical Television Test Transmissions commence in April in Brisbane Australia conducted by Thomas Elliott and Dr Val McDowall.

- **1935**: First regular scheduled TV broadcasts in Germany by the TV Station Paul Nipkow. The final transmissions of John Logie Baird's 30-line television system are broadcast by the BBC. First TV broadcasts in France on February 13 on Paris PTT Vision.

- **1936**: The 1936 Summer Olympics becomes the first Olympic Games to be broadcast on television

- **1937**: The BBC Television Service broadcasts the world's first televised Shakespeare play, a thirty-minute version of *Twelfth Night*, and the first football match, Arsenal F.C. vs. Arsenal reserves.

- **1938**: DuMont Laboratories manufactures and sells the first all-electronic television sets to the public. Baird gives the first public demonstration of color projection television. The BBC broadcasts the world's first ever television science fiction (*R.U.R.*), and television crime series (*Telecrime*); in one of the lengthiest experimental television broadcasts, the BBC broadcasts a 90-minute version of Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, starring Leslie Banks, Constance Cummings, and James Mason

- **1939**: The BBC suspends its television service owing to the outbreak of the Second World War. Broadcasts from 1939 New York World's Fair. Japan is the first Asian country to air television.

1940s[edit]

- **1940**: the American Federal Communications Commission holds public hearings on television

- **1941**: First television advertisements aired. The first official, paid television advertisement was broadcast in the United States on July 1, 1941 over New York station WNBT (now WNBC) before a baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. The announcement was for Bulova watches.

- **1942**: FCC terminates all American television broadcasting because of the war; DuMont petitions FCC to resume broadcasting and receives approval

- **1943**: *Hänsel und Gretel* is the first complete opera to be broadcast on television, but only in New York; first (experimental) telecast of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. Many more telecasts of the story will follow in later years, but until film begins to be used on television, no two of the television versions of the story will have the same casts
- **1944**: American Broadcasting Company (ABC) formed
- **1945**: National Broadcasting Company (NBC) begins the first regularly scheduled television network service in the United States
- **1946**: RCA demonstrates all-electronic color television system; the DuMont Television Network begins broadcasting
- **1947**: First broadcast of *Howdy Doody*, *Kraft Television Theatre*, *Meet the Press*; the World Series is broadcast live for the first time; the 1947 *Tournament of Roses Parade* becomes the very first parade ever televised;
- **1948**: First broadcast of *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *Texaco Star Theater*,
- **1949**: First broadcast of *Come Dancing*, *The Lone Ranger*, *Crusader Rabbit* and *Mama*; the first Emmy Awards are given

1950s[edit]

- **1950**: First broadcast of *Broadway Open House*, *Your Show of Shows*, *Sua vida me pertence* and *What's My Line?*; Cuba is the first Caribbean country to receive TV; Brazil is the first South American country to receive TV; Nielsen Media Research begins to provide television ratings data; *The Jack Benny Program* moves from radio to TV; Bob Hope appears in his first TV special
- **1951**: The first broadcast of live United States transcontinental television takes place in San Francisco, California from the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference. First broadcast of *I Love Lucy*, *See It Now*, *Dragnet*, the *Hallmark Hall of Fame*, *Search for Tomorrow*, *Love of Life*, and *The Roy Rogers Show*
- **1952**: First broadcast of *Today* (NBC), *Omnibus*, and *Flower Pot Men*; *Hockey Night in Canada* and *The Guiding Light* move from radio to TV
- **1953**: First broadcast of *Panorama*; the coronation of Elizabeth II is the first of its kind to be broadcast on television
- **1954**: First broadcast of *The Tonight Show*, *Father Knows Best*, *Disneyland* and *Lassie*; NTSC video standard for color television is introduced, and National Educational Television (NET) is launched
- **1955**: First broadcast of *The Honeymooners*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Gunsmoke*, *Captain Kangaroo*; ITV launches in the UK, Sunday Night at the London Palladium first broadcast
- **1956**: First broadcast of *The Edge of Night*, *As the World Turns*, *The Price Is Right*, *Playhouse 90*, the Eurovision Song Contest, *Hancock's Half Hour*

- **1957**: First broadcast of *Perry Mason*, *Have Gun — Will Travel*, *Leave It to Beaver*, *Senda prohibida* and *Carosello*

- **1958**: First broadcast of *Blue Peter*, *Quatermass and the Pit*, *The Donna Reed Show*, *Moonlight Mask*, and *The Huckleberry Hound Show*; the quiz show scandals wipe out *The $64,000 Question* and *Twenty One*

- **1959**: First broadcast of *The Twilight Zone*, *Rocky and His Friends*, *The Untouchables* and *Bonanza* (which runs for fourteen years)

1960s[edit]

- **1960**: First broadcast of *The Andy Griffith Show*, *The Flintstones*, and *Coronation Street*; American presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon debate live on television

- **1961**: First broadcast of *The Avengers*, *The Defenders*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show, The Morecambe and Wise Show* and *Car 54, Where Are You?*

- **1962**: First broadcast of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, *Steptoe and Son*, *The Jetsons*, *University Challenge*, *Elgar*, *That Was The Week That Was*, *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) and *Sábado Gigante*; first satellite television relayed by Telstar

- **1963**: First broadcast of *General Hospital*, *The Fugitive*, *The Outer Limits* and *Doctor Who*

- **1964**: First broadcast of *Gilligan's Island*, *The Munsters*, *Bewitched*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E*, *The Addams Family*, *Top of the Pops*, *Match of the Day*, *Jeopardy!*, *Jonny Quest*, and *the Up series*. The Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*

- **1965**: First broadcast of *Days of Our Lives*, *Get Smart*, *Hogan's Heroes*, *Till Death Us Do Part*, *Des chiffres et des lettres*, *Thunderbirds*, *Tomorrow's World*, *The Magic Roundabout* and *The War Game*; Nigeria is the first African country to receive TV

- **1966**: First broadcast of *Star Trek*, *Batman* (the live-action TV series), *The Monkees*, Dark Shadows, Ultra Series, *That Girl*, *Cathy Come Home* and *Mission: Impossible*

- **1967**: First broadcast of *The Carol Burnett Show*, *The Prisoner*, *The Flying Nun*, *The Phil Donahue Show*, *Ambassador Magma*; PAL and SECAM colour standards introduced in Europe, with BBC2 making their first colour broadcasts

- **1968**: First broadcast of *60 Minutes*, *One Life to Live*, *Dad's Army*, *Julia*, *Columbo*, *Elvis*, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, *Hawaii Five-O Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* and *Adam-12*

- **1969**: First broadcast of *Sesame Street*, *Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!*, *On the Buses*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Clangers*, *Nu, pogodi!* and *Monty Python's Flying Circus*; Apollo 11 Moon landing broadcast live worldwide; completion of Fernsehturm Berlin

1970s[edit]

- **1970**: First broadcast of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Monday Night Football*, *All My Children*; PBS is launched

- **1971**: First broadcast of *All in the Family*, *Kamen Rider*, *The Old Grey Whistle Test*, *Chespirito*, *The Two Ronnies*, *Parkinson*

- **1972**: first broadcast of *M*A*S*H*, *Emmerdale*, *Mastermind*, *Kamiondžije*, *El Chavo*, *El Chapulín Colorado*, *The Bob Newhart Show*, *Great Performances*

- **1973**: First broadcast of *The Ascent of Man*, *Moonbase 3*, *The Young and the Restless*, *An American Family*, *Ein Herz und eine Seele*, *Seventeen Moments of Spring*, *Last of the Summer Wine* and *The World at War*

- **1974**: First broadcast of *Chico and the Man*, *Derrick*, *Happy Days*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Police Woman*, *Porridge*, *Rhoda*, *Good Times*, *The Rockford Files*, and *Tiswas*; Richard M. Nixon announces his resignation on live television

- **1975**: First broadcast of *Starsky & Hutch*, *Baretta*, *Barney Miller*, *Fawlty Towers*, *Good Morning America*, *One Day at a Time*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Super Sentai*, *Space: 1999*, *The Jeffersons*, *The Naked Civil Servant*, *Welcome Back, Kotter*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *Wonder Woman*; Sony introduces the Betamax home video tape recorder

- **1976**: First broadcast of *The Muppet Show*, *I, Claudius*, *Grlom u jagode*, *Loriot*, *Quincy, M.E.*, *Austin City Limits*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Family Feud*, *Laverne and Shirley* and *Nuts in May*; videocassette recorders go on sale; completion of CN Tower

- **1977**: First broadcast of *Abigail's Party*, *CHiPs*, *Eight Is Enough*, *¿Qué Pasa, USA?*, *Roots*, *Soap*, *Lou Grant*, *Hungarian Folktales*, *Three's Company*, and *Top Gear*; *Live from the Met*

- **1978**: First broadcast of *An Ordinary Miracle*, *Abarembo Shogun*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Dallas*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, *Fantasy Island*, *Grange Hill*, *Matador*, *Mork & Mindy*, *Pennies from Heaven*, *Taxi*, *Future Boy Conan*, *Deeply Regretted By...*

- **1979**: First broadcast of *Benson*, *Blue Remembered Hills*, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*, *Hart to Hart*, *Knots Landing*, *Life on Earth*, *Los Ricos También Lloran*, *Real People*, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, *The Facts of Life*, *You Can't Do That on Television*, *The Meeting Place Cannot Be Changed*, *The Very Same Munchhausen*, *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, *Arabela*; ESPN and Nickelodeon launched

1980s[edit]

- **1980**: First broadcast of *Berlin Alexanderplatz*, *Magnum PI*, *Nightline*, *Vruć vetar*, *Strumpet City* and *Yes Minister*; Cable News Network (CNN) launched

- **1981**: First broadcast of *The Smurfs*, *Hill Street Blues*, *Wetten, dass..?*, *Danger Mouse*, *Dynasty*, *Postman Pat*, *Falcon Crest*, *Only Fools and Horses* and *Brideshead Revisited*; MTV launched; hundreds of millions watch Prince Charles marry Diana Spencer

- **1982**: First broadcast of *Remington Steele*, *Cheers*, *Knight Rider*, *Family Ties*, *Brookside*, *The Mysterious Cities of Gold*, *Chiquilladas*, *Boys from the Blackstuff*, *Newhart* and *St. Elsewhere*; Channel 4 (UK) and The Weather Channel launched

- **1983**: First broadcast of *The A-Team*, *The Day After*, *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*, *Oshin*, *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*, *Reading Rainbow*, *Press Your Luck*, *The Joy of Painting*, *An Englishman Abroad*, *Blackadder* and *Terrahawks*; Disney Channel launched

- **1984**: First broadcast of *Airwolf*, *Blue Thunder*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Miami Vice*, *Top lista nadrealista*, *The Cosby Show*, *Transformers*, *Night Court*, *Tales from the Darkside*, *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends*, *La piovra*, *Santa Barbara*, *Heimat* and *The Jewel in the Crown*; A&E and Canal+ launched

- **1985**: First broadcast of *MacGyver*, *Growing Pains*, *ThunderCats*, *Neighbours*, *Mr. Belvedere*, *Larry King Live*, *Edge of Darkness*, *EastEnders*, *The Golden Girls*; the Discovery Channel is established; first WrestleMania event

- **1986**: First broadcast of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Perfect Strangers*, *Double Dare*, *Designing Women*, *Malgudi Days*, *Ginga: Nagareboshi Gin*, *Dragon Ball*, *Vasko de Gama from Rupcha Village*, *Casualty*, *Alternatywy 4*, *Saint Seiya*, *The Singing Detective* and *Pingu*; the Fox Broadcasting Company is launched

- **1987**: First broadcast of *Full House*, *Ducktales*, *Headbangers Ball*, *Thirtysomething*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Ramayan*, *Fireman Sam*, *Inspector Morse*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Married... with Children*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *21 Jump Street (TV series)*

- **1988**: First broadcast of *Roseanne*, *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Murphy Brown*, *Yo! MTV Raps*, *Garfield and Friends*, *America's Most Wanted*, *The Wonder Years* and *Mahabharat*; TNT (Turner Network Television) is launched; first LCD televisions go on sale; a writers' strike disrupts U.S. television for five months

- **1989**: First broadcast of *Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers*, *Baywatch*, *Seinfeld*, *Saved By The Bell*, *American Gladiators*, *Dekalog*, *Wallace and Gromit*, *Hey Dude*, *Red Dwarf*, *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Quantum Leap*, *COPS*, *Shining Time Station*, *Family Matters*, *The Simpsons*, *Coach*, *Inside Edition*; CNBC and Eurosport launched

1990s[edit]

- **1990**: First broadcast of *TaleSpin*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *In Living Color*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *One Foot in the Grave*, *Wings*, *Law & Order*, *Tiny Toon Adventures*, *Twin Peaks*, *Bobby's World*, *Mr. Bean* and *Northern Exposure*

- **1991**: First broadcast of *Home Improvement*, *Darkwing Duck*, *Step By Step*, *Nummer 28*, *The Julekalender*, *Æon Flux*, *Doug*, *Rugrats*, *Ren and Stimpy*, *The Jerry Springer Show*

- **1992**: First broadcast of *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Mad About You*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Batman: The Animated Series*, *Barney & Friends*, *Martin*, *The Real World*, *Cha Cha Cha*, *YuYu Hakusho*, *Pretty Soldier Sailor Moon*, *Melrose Place*, *X-Men: The Animated Series* and *Absolutely Fabulous*; Cartoon Network launched

- **1993**: First broadcast of the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *Animaniacs*, *Beavis and Butt-head*, *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, *WWE Monday Night Raw*, *Walker, Texas Ranger*, *Boy Meets World*, *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*, *Cracker*, *The X-Files*, *seaQuest DSV*, *The Nanny*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog*, *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *Frasier*

- **1994**: First broadcast of *Friends*, *Party of Five*, *The Kingdom*, *Babylon 5*, *Space Ghost Coast to Coast*, *Spider-Man: The Animated Series*, *The Tick*, *ER*, *All That* and *Gullah Gullah Island*; Turner Classic Movies is launched. Several TV station in the US switch their affiliates until 1996.

- **1995**: First broadcast of *Father Ted*, *NileCity 105,6*, *Star Trek: Voyager*, *The Wayans Bros.*, *WCW Monday Nitro*, *Road Rules*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *JAG* and *Neon Genesis Evangelion*; *El y Ella*, *Sevcec*, O. J. Simpson murder trial televised; The History Channel launched

- **1996**: First broadcast of *Jamais deux sans toi...t*, *Percy tårar*, *Detective Conan*, *The Crocodile Hunter*, *3rd Rock from the Sun*, *Blues Clues*, *Hey Arnold!*, *Arthur*, *Dexter's Laboratory*, *Our Friends in the North*; first high-definition television broadcasts; Al Jazeera launched; first DVDs and DVD players go on sale

- **1997**: First broadcast of *Pokémon*, *Fóstbræður*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Un gars, une fille*, *King of the Hill*, *South Park*, *Teletubbies*, *Alles Kan Beter*, *Daria*, *I'm Alan Partridge*; first plasma televisions on sale

- **1998**: First broadcast of *Dawson's Creek*, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, *Will & Grace*, *Charmed*, *One Piece*, *Bob The Builder*, *The Powerpuff Girls*, *Cowboy Bebop*, *That '70s Show*, *Sex and the City*, *The Royle Family* and *The King of Queens*; Kingston Communications launches the first major video-on-demand service.

- **1999**: First broadcast of *The Sopranos*, *Family Guy*, *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *Futurama*, *The West Wing*, *Digimon: Digital Monsters*, *Ed, Edd n Eddy*, *The Amanda Show*, *Big Brother* (Netherlands), *Yo soy Betty, la fea*, *Freaks and Geeks*, *Trick*, *Rocket Power*, *Angel*; first digital video recorders go on sale

2000s[edit]

- **2000**: First broadcast of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *Survivor*, *Jackass*, *106 & Park*, *Dora The Explorer*, *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*, and *Gilmore Girls*.

- **2001**: First broadcast of *24*, *Scrubs*, *Band of Brothers*, *The Secret Life of Us*, *Fear Factor*, *The Fairly Odd Parents*, *The Office* (UK), *Samurai Jack*, *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, *How It's Made*, *Smallville* and *Six Feet Under*

- **2002**: First broadcast of *American Idol*, *CSI: Miami*, *The Shield*, *City of Men*, *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here*, *The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius*, *Madventures*, *Firefly*, *100 Greatest Britons*, *Winter Sonata*, *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex*, *George Lopez*, *The Wire* and *Naruto*

- **2003**: First broadcast of *Two and a Half Men*, *One Tree Hill*, *The O.C.*, *That's So Raven*, *Teen Titans*, *Mythbusters*, *Dae Jang Geum*, *NCIS*, *All In*, *Little Britain*, *Peep Show*, *Arrested Development*, *Los Serrano*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and *The Venture Bros.*

- **2004**: First broadcast of *Bleach*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Hassan and Habibah*, *Peppa Pig*, *Drake & Josh*, *Super Girl*, *Veronica Mars*, *House*, *Strictly Come Dancing*, *Doc Martin*, *Lost*, *The X Factor*; Euro1080 launches the first high-definition television broadcast

- **2005**: First broadcast of *It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Spiral*, *Noghtechin*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *Ben 10*, *The Closer*, *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Bones*, *The Colbert Report*, *Robot Chicken*, *American Dad!*, *Everybody Hates Chris*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Criminal Minds*, *Deal or No Deal*, *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*, *The Apprentice*, *Supernatural*, *My Lovely Sam Soon*, *Sto Para Pente*, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf* and *Doctor Who* returns to Television.

- **2006**: First broadcast of *Türkisch für Anfänger*, *Planet Earth*, *Jumong*, *Heroes*, *Psych*, *Dexter*, *Friday Night Lights*, *Hannah Montana*, *Charlie Brooker's Screenwipe*, *Code Geass*, *30 Rock*, and *High School Musical*; the Netherlands is the first country to move to digital television; France 24 launched; HD DVD and Blu-ray Disc launched

- **2007**: First broadcast of *The Big Bang Theory*, *Britain's Got Talent*, *Chowder*, *Shaun the Sheep*, *Gossip Girl*, *iCarly*, *Burn Notice*, *Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Golden Bride*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *The Killing*, *Mad Men*, and *Damages*; a writers' strike shuts down US scripted programming in November.

- **2008**: First broadcast of *Breaking Bad*, *Sons of Anarchy*, *Total Drama*, *Wipeout*, *True Blood*, *Fringe*, *Underbelly*, *The Inbetweeners*, *Radio Arvyla* and *19 Kids and Counting*; first 3D TV broadcasts; the historical miniseries *John Adams* premieres on HBO and wins a record thirteen Emmys

- **2009**: First broadcast of *Pawn Stars*, *Cake Boss*, *Tosh.0*, *Jersey Shore*, *Castle*, *Horrible Histories*, *Modern Family*, *NCIS: Los Angeles*, *The Good Wife*, *Parenthood*, *Cougar Town*, *The Middle*, *Glee*, and *Misfits*

2010s[edit]

- **2010**: First broadcast of *Adventure Time*, *Glass Home*, *Borgen*, *Sherlock*, *Downton Abbey*, *Solsidan*, *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*, *Boardwalk Empire*, *Mike & Molly*, *Treme*, *Regular Show*, *Good Luck Charlie*, *The Walking Dead*, *Blue Bloods*, *The Voice*

- **2011**: First broadcast of *Game of Thrones*, *Black Mirror*, *Bob's Burgers*, *Leyla ile Mecnun*, *Once Upon a Time*, *American Horror Story*, *Austin & Ally*, *Suits*, *2 Broke Girls*, *New Girl*, *Homeland*

- **2012**: First broadcast of *Duck Dynasty*, *Satyamev Jayate*, *Girls*, *Nashville*, *Državni posao*, *Call the Midwife*, *Oliver Stone's Untold History of the United States*, *Arrow*, *Omar*, *The Legend of Korra*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, *Gravity Falls*, *Kitchen*

- **2013**: First broadcast of *Rick and Morty*, *Steven Universe*, *Peaky Blinders*, *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *The Following*, *House of Cards* (which debuts on Netflix rather than cable or commercial, *Bates Motel*, *Broadchurch*, *Gogglebox*, *Hannibal*, *Vikings*, *Orange is the New Black*, *Liv and Maddie*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*

- **2014**: First broadcast of *The Flash*, *True Detective*, *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*, *Gotham*, *Gomorrah*, *Lucha Underground*, *Chrisley Knows Best*, *Girl Meets World*

- **2015**: First broadcast of *Better Call Saul*, *Danger Mouse*, *Empire*, *Narcos*, *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, *Daredevil*, *Scream Queens*, *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, *Poldark*, *Mr. Robot*, *Deutschland 83*, *Lip Sync Battle*, *Superstore*; Super Bowl XLIX breaks the record for most-watched program in the history of American television; Mayweather–Pacquiao boxing match is history's biggest pay-per-view fight; ten are killed during a helicopter crash during filming of reality series *Dropped*

- **2016**: First broadcast of *The Night Of*, *Stranger Things*, *The Loud House*, *War & Peace*, *Mann Mayal*, *American Crime Story*, *Westworld*

- **2017**: First broadcast of *American Gods*, *Star Trek: Discovery*, *Big Little Lies*

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References[edit]

Before 1925 in television

This is a **list of television**-related events that occurred prior to 1925.

Global television events[edit]

Year	Event
1873	Willoughby Smith discovers the photoconductivity of the element selenium. This resulted in the invention of the photoelectric cell.
1877	George R. Carey of Boston, Massachusetts creates a selenium telectroscope—a camera that could project a moving image to a distant point. The telectroscope was the first

	television prototype.
1880	Proposals to transmit images by rapidly scanning them in succession are made independently by William E. Sawyer of the United States and Maurice Leblanc of France.
1884	Paul Nipkow invents the Nipkow disk, a means of scanning an image mechanically. This method was later used for mechanical television experiments.
1895	Noah S. Amstutz demonstrates the transmission of photographic halftone images by electric telegraphy.[1]
1897	Karl Ferdinand Braun invents the cathode ray tube, using it as an oscilloscope.
1900	The word "television" is coined by Constantin Perskyi on August 18 at the First International Electricity Congress in Paris, France.
1907	Boris Rosing transmits silhouette images of geometric shapes, using a Nipkow disc, mirror-drum, and a cathode-ray tube receiver.
1908	In his letter to *Nature*, Alan Campbell-Swinton describes the modern electronic camera and display system which others are to develop throughout the 1920s.
1921	Charles Francis Jenkins with a group of friends incorporates Jenkins Laboratories in Washington, D.C. with the purpose of "developing radio movies to be broadcast for entertainment in the home".
1922	Charles Jenkins' first public demonstration of television principles. A set of static photographic pictures was transmitted from Washington, D.C. to the Navy station NOF in Anacostia by telephone wire, and then wirelessly back to Washington.
1922	Philo Farnsworth first describes an image dissector tube, which uses cesium to produce images electronically, but will not produce a working model until 1927.

1923	Charles Jenkins first demonstrates "true" television with moving images. This time 48-line moving silhouette images are transmitted at 16 frames per second from Washington to Anacostia Navy station.
1923	Vladimir Zworykin applies for patent for an all-electronic television system, the first ancestor of the electric scanning television camera. The patent was not granted until 1938 after significant revisions and patent interference actions.
1924	John Logie Baird demonstrates a semi-mechanical television system with the transmission of moving silhouette images.
1924	Vladimir Zworykin files a patent application for the kinescope, a television picture receiver tube.

Births (before 1916)[edit]

Date	Name	Occupation/Accolades
August 22, 1867	Charles Francis Jenkins	U.S. inventor and promoter of mechanical scanning television (died 1934).
April 23, 1869	Boris Rosing	Russian pioneer of television technology (died 1933).
November 22, 1875	Elizabeth Patterson	U.S. actress (*I Love Lucy*) (died 1966).
July 21, 1882	Dr. Herbert Ives	U.S. television researcher, leader of the AT&T television research during the 1920s–1930s (died 1953).
February 8, 1884	Burt Mustin	U.S. actor (*All in the Family*) (died 1977).

January 16, 1887	John Hamilton	U.S. actor (*Adventures of Superman*) (died 1958).
February 26, 1887	William Frawley	U.S. actor (*I Love Lucy*), (*My Three Sons*) (died 1966).
August 14, 1888	John Logie Baird	British pioneer of television technology (d. 1946).
July 20, 1889	John Reith, 1st Baron Reith	First Director-General of the BBC (d. 1971).
July 30, 1889	Vladimir Zworykin	U.S. pioneer of television technology (died 1982).
January 26, 1892	Zara Cully	U.S. actress (*The Jeffersons*) (died 1978).
February 11, 1894	Jack Benny	U.S. actor (*The Jack Benny Program*) (died 1974).
August 21, 1895	Blossom Rock	U.S. actress (*The Addams Family*) (died 1978).
October 4, 1900	Robert Shayne	U.S. actor (*Adventures of Superman*) (died 1992).
December 6, 1900	Agnes Moorehead	U.S. actress (*Bewitched*) (died 1974).
March 27, 1901	Carl Barks	U.S. animator (creator of Scrooge McDuck) (died 2000).
July 1, 1901	Irna Phillips	U.S. writer (creator of early soap opera) (died 1973).

July 14, 1901	George Tobias	U.S. actor (*Bewitched*) (died 1980).
October 17, 1902	Irene Ryan	U.S. actress (*The Beverly Hillbillies*) (died 1973).
December 25, 1902	Barton MacLane	U.S. actor (*I Dream of Jeannie*) (died 1969).
May 29, 1903	Bob Hope	British-American movie, television, radio, and vaudeville actor, writer, and producer (*Bob Hope Presents the Chrysler Theatre*) (died 2003).
June 17, 1904	Ralph Bellamy	U.S. stage, movie, and television actor (*Man Against Crime*) (died 1991).
January 26, 1905	Charles Lane	U.S. actor (*Petticoat Junction*). (died 2007)
September 18, 1905	Eddie Anderson	U.S. actor (*The Jack Benny Program*) (died 1977).
February 20, 1906	Gale Gordon	U.S. actor (*The Lucy Show*) (died 1995).
April 4, 1906	Bea Benaderet	U.S. actress (*The Flintstones*) (died 1968).
April 4, 1906	John Cameron Swayze	U.S. anchorman (*Camel News Caravan*) (died 1995).
April 22, 1906	Eddie Albert	U.S. actor (*Green Acres*, *Switch*) (died 2005).

August 19, 1906	Philo Farnsworth	U.S. inventor credited with the invention of the cathode ray tube television (d. 1971).
February 12, 1907	Joseph Kearns	U.S. actor (*Dennis the Menace*) (died 1962).
May 22, 1907	Cecil McGivern	British broadcasting executive; controller of BBC Television from 1950 to 1957 (d. 1963).
January 8, 1908	William Hartnell	British actor; the original star of *Doctor Who* in the 1960s (died 1975).
February 28, 1908	Billie Bird	U.S. radio, film, television, and vaudeville actress (*Dear John*) (died 2002).
April 2, 1908	Buddy Ebsen	U.S. actor (*The Beverly Hillbillies*) (died 2003).
April 30, 1908	Eve Arden	U.S. actress (*Our Miss Brooks*) (died 1990).
July 12, 1908	Milton Berle	U.S. actor (*Texaco Star Theater*) (died 2002).
December 14, 1908	Morey Amsterdam	U.S. actor (*The Dick Van Dyke Show*). (died 1996)
July 26, 1909	Vivian Vance	U.S. actress (*I Love Lucy*) (died 1979).
May 15, 1910	Michael Barry	British television producer and executive; Head of Drama at BBC television from 1952 to 1962 (died 1988).
May 22, 1910	Johnny Olson	U.S. radio and television announcer (*The New Price Is Right*) (died 1985).

October 23, 1910	Hayden Rorke	U.S. actor (*I Dream of Jeannie*) (died 1987).
February 6, 1911	Ronald Reagan	U.S. actor and president (*General Electric Theater*) (died 2004).
March 13, 1911	Marie Rudisill	U.S. television personality (The Fruitcake Lady from *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*). (died 2006)
July 7, 1911	Gretchen Franklin	British actress (*EastEnders*) (died 2005).
August 6, 1911	Lucille Ball	U.S. actress (*I Love Lucy*) (died 1989).
October 23, 1911	Martha Rountree	U.S. broadcast journalist (*Meet the Press*) (died 1999).
December 10, 1911	Chet Huntley	U.S. anchorman (*The Huntley-Brinkley Report*) (died 1974).
January 7, 1912	Charles Addams	U.S. cartoonist (created *The Addams Family*) (died 1988).
November 23, 1912	George O'Hanlon	U.S. film and voice actor (voice of George Jetson on The Jetsons (died 1989).
January 28, 1913	Maurice Gosfield	U.S. actor (*The Phil Silvers Show*) (died 1964).
February 25, 1913	Jim Backus	U.S. actor (*Gilligan's Island*, *Mr. Magoo*) (died 1989).
May 13, 1913	Jasmine Bligh	British presenter; one of the very first BBC Television

		Service presenters of the 1930s (died 1991).
May 25, 1913	Richard Dimbleby	British journalist (BBC), commentator on state events, and presenter of current affairs programmes such as *Panorama* (died 1965).
July 13, 1913	Dave Garroway	U.S. journalist (*The Today Show* (died 1982).
January 5, 1914	George Reeves	U.S. actor (*Adventures of Superman*) (died 1959).
March 15, 1914	Joe E. Ross	U.S. actor (*The Phil Silvers Show*, *Car 54, Where Are You?*) (died 1982).
May 12, 1914	Howard K. Smith	U.S. anchorman (*ABC Evening News*) (died 2002).
September 18, 1914	Harry Townes	U.S. actor (*The Fugitive*) (died 2001).
October 26, 1914	Jackie Coogan	U.S. actor (*The Addams Family*) (died 1984).
October 30, 1914	Anna Wing	U.K. actress (*EastEnders*) (died 2013).
December 2, 1914	Ray Walston	U.S. actor (*My Favorite Martian*, *Fast Times*) (died 2001).
January 31, 1915	Garry Moore	U.S. game series host and television personality (*I've Got a Secret*). (died 1993)

February 1, 1915	Art Balinger	U.S. actor (*Dragnet 1967*, *Adam-12*). (died 2011)
February 12, 1915	Lorne Greene	U.S. actor (*Bonanza*). (died 1987)
April 10, 1915	Harry Morgan	U.S. actor (*Dragnet*, *M*A*S*H*) (died 2011).
September 12, 1915	Frank McGee	U.S. journalist (*The Today Show*) (died 1974).

Births (1916–1924)[edit]

Date	Name	Occupation/Accolades
February 14, 1916	Edward Platt	U.S. actor (*Get Smart*) (died 1974)
March 6, 1916	Virginia Gregg	U.S. actress (*Calvin and the Colonel*, *Dragnet*) (died 1986)
March 31, 1916	Lucille Bliss	U.S. actress (*The Smurfs*, *Invader ZIM*) (died 2012)
April 4, 1916	David White	U.S. actor (*Bewitched*) (died 1990)
April 26, 1916	Vic Perrin	American voice actor (*The Outer Limits*, Hanna-Barbera cartoons) (died 1989)
May 14, 1916	Del Moore	American actor (*Life with Elizabeth*, *Bachelor Father*, *Dragnet 1967*) (died 1970)
July 11, 1916	Reg Varney	English comedy actor (*The Rag Trade*, *On the Buses*) (died

		2008)
July 23, 1916	Sandra Gould	U.S. actress (*Bewitched*) (died 1999)
August 24, 1916	Hal Smith	U.S. actor (*The Andy Griffith Show*) (died 1994)
November 4, 1916	Walter Cronkite	U.S. anchorman (*CBS Evening News*) (died 2009)
March 2, 1917	Desi Arnaz	Cuban-born performer (*I Love Lucy*) (died 1986)
March 30, 1917	Herbert Anderson	U.S. actor (*Dennis the Menace) (died 1994)*
April 2, 1917	Dabbs Greer	U.S. actor (*The Fugitive*) (died 2007)
May 16, 1917	George Gaynes	Finnish-born U.S. actor (*Punky Brewster*, *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*) (died 2016)
May 21, 1917	Raymond Burr	Canadian actor (*Perry Mason*, *Ironside*) (died 1993)
July 14, 1917	Douglas Edwards	U.S. anchorman (*CBS Evening News*) (died 1990)
September 4, 1919	Howard Morris	U.S. actor (*The Andy Griffith Show*) (died 2005)
September 4, 1917	Hilary Mason	British actress (*Maid Marian and her Merry Men*) (died 2006)

October 16, 1917	Alice Pearce	U.S. actress (*Bewitched*) (died 1966)
October 28, 1917	Jack Soo	Japanese-American actor (*Barney Miller*) (died 1979)
December 22, 1917	Gene Rayburn	U.S. television personality (*Match Game*, *The Tonight Show*) (died 1999)
February 15, 1918	Allan Arbus	U.S. actor (*M*A*S*H*) (died 2013)
February 22, 1918	Don Pardo	U.S. television announcer (*Saturday Night Live*) (died 2014)
May 1, 1918	Jack Paar	U.S. television personality (*The Tonight Show*) (died 2004)
May 9, 1918	Mike Wallace	U.S. anchorman (*60 Minutes*) (died 2012)
July 26, 1918	Stacy Harris	U.S. actor (*Dragnet*, *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*) (died 1973)
November 4, 1918	Art Carney	U.S. actor (*The Honeymooners*) (died 2003)
December 2, 1918	Milton DeLugg	U.S. bandleader and composer (*The Bill Cullen Show*, *Broadway Open House*, *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade*) (died 2015)
January 13, 1919	Robert Stack	U.S. actor (*The Untouchables*, *Unsolved Mysteries*) (died 2003)

February 11, 1919	Eva Gabor	Hungarian actress (*Green Acres*) (died 1995)
May 4, 1919	John Hope	U.S. meteorologist (The Weather Channel), named Hurricane Camille for his daughter (died 2002)
October 14, 1919	Shaun Sutton	British writer, director, and producer; longest-serving Head of Drama at BBC Television (died 2004)
November 19, 1919	Alan Young	English-born U.S. actor (*Mister Ed*) (died 2016)
December 11, 1919	Cliff Michelmore	English broadcast presenter (died 2016).
February 18, 1920	Bill Cullen	U.S. game series host (*The Price Is Right*, *Blockbusters*) (died 1990)
February 26, 1920	Tony Randall	U.S. actor (*The Odd Couple*) (died 2004)
July 10, 1920	David Brinkley	U.S. anchorman (*The Huntley-Brinkley Report*) (died 2003)
July 18, 1920	Dolph Sweet	U.S. actor (*Gimme a Break!*, *Another World*) (died 1985)
November 25, 1920	Noel Neill	U.S. actress (*Adventures of Superman*) (died 2016)
January 15, 1921	Frank Thornton	British actor (*Are You Being Served?*) (died 2013)
February 24, 1921	Abe Vigoda	U.S. actor (*Barney Miller*) (died 2016)

May 14, 1921	Richard Deacon	U.S. actor (*The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *Leave It to Beaver*) (died 1984)
August 8, 1921	William Asher	U.S. producer, director, and writer (*Bewitched*) (died 2012)
October 17, 1921	Tom Poston	U.S. actor (*Newhart*) (died 2007)
November 14, 1921	Brian Keith	U.S. actor (died 1997)
November 22, 1921	Rodney Dangerfield	U.S. comedian and actor (*The Dean Martin Show*) (died 2004)
December 26, 1921	Steve Allen	U.S. television personality (*The Tonight Show*) (died 2000)
January 17, 1922	Betty White	U.S. actress (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Golden Girls*)
January 21, 1922	Telly Savalas	U.S. actor (*Kojak*) (died 1994)
January 30, 1922	Dick Martin	U.S. comedian (*Laugh-In*) (died 2008)
February 24, 1922	Steven Hill	U.S. actor (*Law & Order*, *Mission: Impossible*) (died 2016)
February 18, 1922	Allan Melvin	U.S. actor (*Magilla Gorilla*, *The Brady Bunch*, *All in the Family*) (died 2008)
March 5, 1922	James Noble	U.S. actor (*Benson*) (died 2016)

March 20, 1922	Carl Reiner	U.S. actor, writer, director, and producer (*Your Show of Shows*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*)
April 5, 1922	Christopher Hewett	British actor (*Mr. Belvedere*) (died 2001)
April 5, 1922	Gale Storm	U.S. actress (*My Little Margie*) (died 2009)
April 27, 1922	Jack Klugman	U.S. actor (*The Odd Couple*, *Quincy*) (died 2012)
May 7, 1922	Darren McGavin	U.S. actor (*Kolchak: The Night Stalker*) (died 2006)
May 10, 1922	Nancy Walker	U.S. actress (*Rhoda*, Bounty paper towel commercials) (died 1992)
May 18, 1922	Bill Macy	U.S. actor (*Maude*).
May 22, 1922	Quinn Martin	U.S. producer (*The Fugitive*, *The F.B.I.*, *The Streets of San Francisco*) (died 1987)
July 21, 1922	Mollie Sugden	British actress (*Are You Being Served?*) (died 2009)
July 22, 1922	Dan Rowan	U.S. comedian (*Laugh-In*) (died 1987)
July 27, 1922	Norman Lear	U.S. producer (*All in the Family*, *Sanford and Son* and many others)
August 1, 1922	Arthur Hill	Canadian-born actor (died 2006)

September 1, 1922	Yvonne De Carlo	U.S. actress (*The Munsters*) (died 2007)
October 9, 1922	Fyvush Finkel	U.S. stage and television actor (*Boston Public*). (died 2016)
October 31, 1922	Barbara Bel Geddes	U.S. actress (*Dallas*) (died 2005)
November 13, 1922	Jack Narz	U.S. game show host and announcer (died 2008)
December 9, 1922	Redd Foxx	U.S. comedian (*Sanford and Son*) (died 1991)
December 20, 1922	Charita Bauer	U.S. actress (*The Guiding Light*) (died 1985)
January 8, 1923	Larry Storch	U.S. actor (*F-Troop*)
January 19, 1923	Jean Stapleton	U.S. actress (*All in the Family*) (died 2013)
January 23, 1923	Florence Halop	U.S. actress (*St. Elsewhere*, *Night Court*) (died 1986)
February 4, 1923	Conrad Bain	Canadian-born U.S. actor (*Maude*, *Diff'rent Strokes*) (died 2013)
April 4, 1923	Peter Vaughan	British character actor (*Porridge*, *Game of Thrones*) (died 2016)
April 13, 1923	Don Adams	U.S. actor (*Get Smart*, *Inspector Gadget*) (died 2005)

April 22, 1923	Aaron Spelling	U.S. movie and television producer (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) (died 2006)
April 30, 1923	Al Lewis	U.S. actor (*The Munsters*) (died 2006)
May 13, 1923	Beatrice Arthur	U.S. actress (*Maude*, *The Golden Girls*) (died 2009)
July 25, 1923	Estelle Getty	U.S. actress (*The Golden Girls*) (died 2008)
August 15, 1923	Rose Marie	U.S. actress (*The Dick Van Dyke Show*)
September 20, 1923	Jimmy Perry	English scriptwriter (*Dad's Army*) (died 2016)
September 28, 1923	William Windom	U.S. actor (*Murder, She Wrote*) (died 2012)
December 12, 1923	Bob Barker	U.S. game series presenter (*The New Price Is Right*)
January 19, 1924	Nicholas Colasanto	U.S. actor and director (*Cheers*) (died 1985)
March 3, 1924	John Woodnutt	British actor (died 2006).
May 1, 1924	Art Fleming	U.S. stage, radio, and television personality (*Jeopardy!*) (died 1995).
June 26, 1924	Richard Bull	U.S. movie and television actor (*Little House on the Prairie*) (died 2014)

July 11, 1924	Brett Somers	Canadian-born U.S. actress and comedian (*The Odd Couple*, *Match Game '73*) (died 2007)
July 21, 1924	Don Knotts	U.S. actor (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *Three's Company*) (died 2006)
August 2, 1924	Carroll O'Connor	U.S. actor (*All in the Family*, *In the Heat of the Night*) (died 2001)
November 18, 1924	Les Lye	Canadian actor (*You Can't Do That On Television*) (died 2009)

See also[edit]

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1926 in television

The year **1926 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1926.

Global television events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
March	25	John Logie Baird performed the first public demonstration of his "televisor" at the Selfridges department store on London's Oxford Street. The demonstrations of moving silhouette images continued through April. The system consisted of 30 lines and 12.5 pictures per second.

June	13	Charles Francis Jenkins achieves the first synchronized transmission of a moving silhouette (shadowgraphs) and sound, using 48 lines, and a mechanical system. A 10-minute movie of a miniature windmill in motion was sent across 8 kilometers from Anacostia to Washington, DC. The images were viewed by representatives of the National Bureau of Standards, the United States Navy, the Department of Commerce, and others. Jenkins termed this "the first public demonstration of radiovision".
July	13	Vladimir Zworykin applies for a patent for color television.
c. August–October		Zworykin first demonstrates his electric camera tube and receiver for Westinghouse corporation executives, transmitting the still image of an "X". The picture is said to be dim, with low contrast and poor definition.
October	02	John Baird achieves the first live television image with tone graduations (not silhouette or duotone images) in his laboratory. Baird brings office boy William Taynton in front of the camera to become the first face televised. But rate of five images per second is below realistic movement.

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades
January	11	Grant Tinker	U.S. producer, NBC network executive, "The Man Who Saved NBC" (died 2016)
	23	Danny Arnold	U.S. producer, actor and stand-up comedian (died 1995)
	28	Scotty Bloch	U.S. actress
April	22	George Cole	U.K. actor (died 2015)
May	02	Roscoe Lee Browne	U.S. actor (died 2007)

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1926 in American television

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Global television events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
January	26	John Logie Baird demonstrates the world's first television system to transmit live, moving images with tone graduations, to 40 members of the Royal Institution. The 30-line images are scanned mechanically by a disk with a spiral of lenses at 12.5 images per second.
August	18	A weather map is televised for the first time, sent from NAA Arlington to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C.

December	25	Japanese researcher Kenjiro Takayanagi demonstrates a system that uses a mechanical Nipkow disk and a photoelectric tube in the transmitting device, and a cathode ray tube in the receiving device. He transmits the 40-line still image of a Japanese character.[1]

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades
January	08	Soupy Sales	U.S. comedian and actor (died 2009)
April	22	Charlotte Rae	U.S. actress and singer
	30	Cloris Leachman	U.S. actress
May	05	Ann B. Davis	U.S. actress (died 2014)
	08	Sir David Attenborough	British naturalist and documentary-maker
		Don Rickles	U.S. comedian and actor
June	01	Andy Griffith	U.S. actor, writer, and television producer (died 2012)
	28	Mel Brooks	U.S. entertainer, actor, director, and theatrical producer
July	10	Fred Gwynne	U.S. actor (died 1993)
November	9	Johnny Beattie	Scottish actor

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Global television events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
January	07	Philo Farnsworth applies for an image dissector tube patent, which used caesium to produce images electronically.
April	07	Bell Telephone Company transmits a speech by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover 320 kilometers over telephone lines, which becomes the first successful long distance demonstration of television. Experimental station 3XN in Whippany, New Jersey is used to transmit 1,575 kHz video and 1,450 kHz radio. The system uses a flying-spot scanner, and is seen on Nipkow disc receivers with two-inch, 50-line images, and on a two-foot neon tube display. It was developed by Herbert E. Ives and Frank Gray. Edna Mae Horner, an operator at the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, assisted the transmission and became the first woman on television; she helped guests in Washington, D.C., exchange greetings with the audience in New York [1]. Throughout the presentation, viewers in New York could see and hear Edna [2].
May	23	The first demonstration of television before a large audience. Nearly 600 members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers view the demonstration at the Bell Telephone Building in New York City.
	24	John Logie Baird transmits a television signal from London to Glasgow by telephone line.
September	07	Philo Farnsworth achieves an experimental electronic television image, of a straight line, at his laboratory at 202 Green Street in San Francisco.[1]
	20	John Logie Baird demonstrates the first ever system for recording television.

		His Phonovision VideoDisc apparatus records 30-line television pictures and sound on conventional 78 rpm gramophone records.

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades
January	3	William Boyett	U.S. actor (*Adam-12*). (died 2004)
	17	Eartha Kitt	U.S. actress and singer. (died 2008)
	27	Jerry Haynes	U.S. actor ("Mr Peppermint") (died 2011)
February	15	Carlos Romero	U.S. actor (died 2007).
		Harvey Korman	U.S. actor and comedian. (died 2008)
May	04	Terry Scott	British actor and comedian (died 1994)
September	16	Peter Falk	U.S. actor (*Columbo*) (died 2010)
October	1	Tom Bosley	U.S. actor (*Happy Days* and *Murder, She Wrote*) (died 2011).
	14	Roger Moore	British actor (*The Saint*)
November	28	Chuck Mitchell	U.S. actor (died 1992)
	30	Robert Guillaume	U.S. actor (*Benson*)

1927 in American television

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
September 18	The Columbia Phonographic Broadcasting System (later known as CBS) is formed and goes on air with 47 radio stations.

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Global television events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
January	13	Dr. Ernst Frederik Werner Alexanderson performs the first successful public television broadcast. The pictures, with 48 lines at 16 frames per second, were received on sets with 1.5 sq. inch screens in the homes of four General Electric executives in Schenectady, New York. The sound was transmitted by the WGY radio station.
February	09	John Logie Baird transmits television pictures across the Atlantic. The pictures are transmitted from Motograph House, London by telephone cable to Ben Clapp's station GK2Z at 40 Warwick Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, and then by radio to Hartsdale, New York, United States.
June	12	The first outside broadcast is made by John Logie Baird on his roof in 133 Long

		Acre, London, featuring the actor Jack Buchanan.
July	02	Charles Francis Jenkins begins thrice-weekly television broadcasts in Washington, D.C., transmitting silhouette motion pictures.[1]
	03	John Logie Baird demonstrates a colour television system achieved by using a scanning disc with spirals of red, green and blue filters at the transmitting and receiving ends.[2]
August	14	Hugo Gernsback's New York City radio station begins a regular, if limited, schedule of live television broadcasts, using a mechanical system developed by a South-American inventor. It transmits 48-line images.
September	1	Philo Farnsworth demonstrates his image dissector camera and "oscillite" tube receiver for the press, with the transmission of motion picture clips, described by a reporter as "a queer looking little image in bluish light now, one that frequently smudges and blurs."[3] It is the first public demonstration of an all-electronic television system.
	11	The first broadcast of a play by television, *The Queen's Messenger*, on General Electric's W2XAD, Schenectady, New York. Three electromechanical cameras are used.[4]

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades
April	04	Estelle Harris	actress.
	07	James Garner	U.S. film and television actor. (died 2014)
	23	Bill Cotton	British television producer and executive; controller of BBC One (1977–1981) and managing director of BBC Television (1981–

			1987). (died 2008)
June	20	Martin Landau	actor
July	13	Bob Crane	U.S. disc jockey and actor (*Hogan's Heroes*) (d. 1978).
October	25	Marion Ross	U.S. actress (Happy Days)
December	10	Dan Blocker	U.S. actor (*Bonanza*) (d. 1972).
	17	George Lindsey	actor (d. 2012)

1928 in American television

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
April	W2XBS, RCA's first television station, is established in New York City.
May 10	The first regular schedule of television programming begins in Schenectady, New York by the General Electric's television station W2XB (the station was popularly known as WGY Television; after its sister radio station, WGY). A half-hour program of farm and weather reports is broadcast on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons using 24 lines. Kolin Hager is the first U.S. newscaster.
July 2	Jenkins Laboratories' W3XK station begins broadcasting on 6.42 MHz using 48 lines.

	The broadcasts are designed to be received by the general public. The station operated until 1932.
August 22	Alfred E. Smith accepts the Democratic presidential nomination, with WGY/W2XB simulcasting the event on radio and television. This was the first live broadcast and the first remote television news event.
September 11	Kenmore's WMAK station starts broadcasting in Buffalo, New York.

1929 in television

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Global television events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
June	27	Herbert Ives and his colleagues at Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City demonstrate color mechanical television (this was first achieved by John Logie Baird the previous year). The 50-line color images are of a bouquet of roses and an American flag. The images are transmitted between New York and Washington, DC.
August	20	First transmissions of Baird's 30-line television system by the BBC.[1]
	25	Westinghouse station KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania begins broadcasting movies on a daily basis, 60 lines per picture, 16 pictures per second.

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades

April	28	Carolyn Jones	U.S. actress (*Morticia* in *The Addams Family*) (d. 1983)
September	05	Bob Newhart	U.S. stand-up comedian and actor
	25	Ronnie Barker	British comedian, half of The Two Ronnies (d. 2005)
December	31	David Nixon	British magic and television personality (d. 1978)

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1929 in American television

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Events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
Undated		Milton Berle appears in an experimental closed-circuit television broadcast in Chicago, Illinois.

1930 in television

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Global television events[edit]

- May 22 – An audience at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York becomes the first to see a closed-circuit television signal projected onto a big screen.

- July 14 – For the first time in the United Kingdom, a television drama is broadcast. The drama is a production of Luigi Pirandello's *The Man With the Flower in His Mouth*; it is broadcast by the BBC from Baird's studios at 133 Long Acre, London.[1]

- November 5 – Baird television transmissions at Hairdressing Fair of Fashion include the world's first television commercial for the Eugène Method of permanent hair waving.

- December 7 – W1XAV in Boston, Massachusetts broadcasts the first television commercial in the United States, of I.J Fox Furriers during The Fox Trappers.

Births[edit]

Month	Day	Name	Occupation/Accolades
January	03	Robert Loggia	U.S. actor (died 2015)
	04	Sorrell Booke	U.S. actor (died 1994)
	06	Vic Tayback	U.S. actor (died 1990)
February	08	Alejandro Rey	Argentinian-born actor (died 1987)
	28	Gavin MacLeod	U.S. actor
March	30	John Astin	U.S. actor
April	07	Andrew Sachs	German-born British actor (died 2016)
	19	Dick Sargent	U.S. actor (died 1994)
	25	Lynn Hamilton	U.S. actress
	28	Carolyn Jones	U.S. actress (died 1983)
May	10	Pat Summerall	American football player and sportscaster (d. 2013)

	31	Clint Eastwood	U.S. actor
June	12	Jim Nabors	Actor, singer
July	14	Polly Bergen	U.S. actress (died 2014)
	17	Ray Galton	British writer
August	16	Frank Gifford	U.S. sports announcer (died 2015)
		Robert Culp	U.S. actor (died 2010)
	25	Graham Jarvis	U.S. actor (died 2003)
	28	Ben Gazzara	U.S. actor (died 2012)
September	11	Cathryn Damon	U.S. actress (died 1987)
	16	Anne Francis	U.S. actress (died 2011)
November	15	Whitman Mayo	U.S. actor (died 2001)
December	4	Ronnie Corbett	British comedian (died 2016)
	9	Buck Henry	U.S. writer
	21	Phil Roman	U.S. animator

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1930 in American television

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Events[edit]

Month	Day	Event
July	30	W2XBS station, New York, is put in charge of NBC broadcast engineers.
November	?	W9XAP in Chicago, Illinois broadcasts the U.S. senatorial election returns, which was the first time a senatorial race, with non-stop vote tallies, was ever televised.
December	07	W1XAV in Boston, Massachusetts broadcasts video from the CBS radio orchestra program, *The Fox Trappers*. The broadcast also includes the first television commercial in the United States, an advertisement for I.J. Fox Furriers, who sponsored the radio show.

1931 in television

The year **1931 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1931.

Events[edit]

- May 1 – The first wedding is broadcast by television, on New York City's W2XCR.
- July 21 – CBS's station W2XAB began broadcasting 28 hours a week in New York City. [1]



October 30: NBC on Empire State Building which had opened during May 1931.

- **August** – At the Berlin Radio Show, Manfred von Ardenne gives the world's first public demonstration of a television system using a cathode-ray tube for both transmission and reception. Ardenne never develops a camera tube, using the CRT instead as a flying-spot scanner to scan slides and film.[1]
- October 9 – Canada's first television station, VE9EC, begins broadcasting in Montreal, Quebec. VE9EC was owned jointly by radio station CKAC and the newspaper company *La Presse*.[2]
- October 30 – NBC installs a television transmitter on top of the Empire State Building.
- November 1 – Television images are transmitted from JOAK radio station in Tokyo, Japan by Professors Kenjiro Takayagani and Tomomasa Nakashima. The still images comprise 80 lines at 20 frames per second.
- December 22 – NBC begins broadcasting experimental test transmissions from the Empire State Building transmitter.
- December 23 – Don Lee Broadcasting begins broadcasting low-definition electromechanical television from the station W6XAO (later KTSL) in Los Angeles, broadcasting one hour of film footage, six days per week.

Debuts[edit]

- *Exhibition Boxing Bouts* premieres on the experimental W2XAB (1931–1932)
- *Hints for Swimmers* premieres on the experimental W2XAB (1931)
- *Piano Lessons* premieres on the experimental W2XAB (1931–1932).
- *The Television Ghost* premieres on the experimental W2XAB (1931–1933).
- *Television Today* premieres on the experimental W2XAB (1931).
- W2XAB debuts music segments with Connie Boswell, Doris Sharp, Elliot Jaffee, Grace Yeager, Harriet Lee, and Helen Haynes, among others.
- W2XCD debuts a semi-regular segment with singer Alice Remsen.

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Exhibition Boxing Bouts	1931	1932
Hints for Swimmers	1931	1931
Piano Lessons	1931	1932
The Television Ghost	1931	1933
Television Today	1931	1931

Births[edit]

- January 13 – Charles Nelson Reilly, actor, game show panelist (died 2007)
- January 14 - Himanshu Dev, engineer
- January 17 – James Earl Jones, actor
- January 19 – Robert MacNeil, news reporter
- February 13 – Geoff Edwards, game show host (died 2014)
- February 28 - Gavin MacLeod, actor
- March 11 – Rupert Murdoch, media mogul
- March 22 – William Shatner, actor
- March 26 – Leonard Nimoy, actor (died 2015)
- March 27 – David Janssen, actor (died 1980)
- April 6 – Ivan Dixon, actor (died 2008)

- April 26 – Bernie Brillstein, agent and producer (died 2008)
- May 16 – Jack Dodson, actor (died 1994)
- May 23 – Barbara Barrie, actress
- June 8 – Dana Wynter, actress (died 2011)
- June 14 – Marla Gibbs, actress
- July 6 – Della Reese, actress, singer
- July 8 – Roone Arledge, producer (died 2002)
- July 27 – Jerry Van Dyke, actor
- July 28 – Darryl Hickman, actor
- August 15 - Janice Rule, actor (died 2003)
- August 23 – Barbara Eden, actress, *I Dream of Jeannie*
- August 25 – Regis Philbin, talk show host
- September 4 – Mitzi Gaynor, singer, actress
- September 10 – Philip Baker Hall, actor
- September 13 – Barbara Bain, actress
- September 21 – Larry Hagman, actor (died 2012)
- September 30 – Angie Dickinson, actress
- October 31 – Dan Rather, news reporter
- November 8 – Morley Safer, news reporter (died 2016)
- November 12 – Dick Clair, writer (died 1988)
- December 3 – Jaye P. Morgan, game show panelist
- December 11 – Rita Moreno, actress
- December 23 – Ronnie Schell, comedian
- December 28 – Martin Milner, actor (died 2015)

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1932 in television

The year **1932 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1932.

Events[edit]

- March 9 – The U.S. Federal Radio Commission grants an operating license to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, for the television station W9XAK.[1]

- August 22 – The BBC starts a regular television service, using John Logie Baird's 30-line system. EMI demonstrate electronic television, with as many as 3 times as many lines as Baird's mechanical system, to the BBC.

- December – René Barthélemy starts operating an experimental weekly programme of one hour with a 60-line black-and-white system "Paris Télévision".

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Hair Fashions	1932	1932
The Television Ghost	1931	1933
Television Magic	1932	1932

Births[edit]

- January 3 – Dabney Coleman, actor.

- January 13 – Jon Cypher, actor.
- January 17 – Sheree North, actress (died 2005).
- February 2 – Robert Mandan, actor.
- February 16 – Gretchen Wyler, actress (died 2007).
- February 24 – Jay Sandrich, director.
- February 26 – Johnny Cash, country music and singer (died 2003).
- April 1 – Debbie Reynolds, actress.
- April 27 – Casey Kasem, radio and TV announcer (died 2014).
- June 17 – Peter Lupus, actor.
- June 28 – Pat Morita, actor (died 2005).
- July 31 – Ted Cassidy, actor (died 1979).
- August 15 – Jim Lange, game show host (died 2014).
- September 3 – Eileen Brennan, actress (died 2013).
- September 5 – Carol Lawrence, actress.
- September 26 – Donna Douglas, actress (died 2015).
- September 27 – Roger C. Carmel, actor (died 1986).
- October 20 – William Christopher, actor.
- November 4 – Noam Pitlik, director (died 1999).
- November 13 – Richard Mulligan, actor (died 2000).
- November 22 – Robert Vaughn, actor (died 2016).
- December 20 – John Hillerman, actor.
- December 25 – Mabel King, actress (died 1999).
- December 29 – Inga Swenson, actress.

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1933 in television

The year **1933 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1933.

Events[edit]

- January 23 – W9XAL in Kansas City begins broadcasting.
- January 24 – John Cameron Swayze begins his daily Journal-Post News Flashes on W9XAL, which is simulcast by KMBC radio.
- April 21 – The first television revue, named *Looking In*, is shown on the BBC. The first four minutes of this programme survive on a Silvatone record, an early method of home video recording.
- August 4? – W9XAT in Minneapolis, Minnesota makes its first transmission.
- RCA performs private field tests in Camden, New Jersey of an electronic television system.

Ending this year[edit]

- *The Television Ghost* (1931–1933)

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
The Television Ghost	1931	1933

Births[edit]

- January 8 – Charles Osgood, journalist
- January 17 – Shari Lewis, puppeteer (died 1998),

- February 2 – Tony Jay, actor (died 2006)
- March 12 – Barbara Feldon, actress.
- March 19
  - Phyllis Newman, actress, game show panelist
  - Renée Taylor, actress
- April 5 – Frank Gorshin, actor (died 2005)
- April 7 – Wayne Rogers, actor, financial commentator (died 2015)
- April 26 – Carol Burnett, actor, comedian
- May 7 – Roger Perry, actor
- May 20 – Constance Towers, actress
- May 21 – Richard Libertini, actor (died 2016)
- June 8 – Joan Rivers, comedian (died 2014)
- June 20 – Danny Aiello, actor
- June 21 – Bernie Kopell, actor
- June 27 – Gary Crosby (died 1995)
- July 23 – Bert Convy, game show host (died 1991)
- July 30 – Edd Byrnes, actor
- August 1 – Dom DeLuise, actor and comedian (died 2009)
- August 11 – Jerry Falwell, televangelist (died 2007)
- August 16 – Julie Newmar, actress
- August 25 – Tom Skerritt, actor
- September 13 – Eileen Fulton, actress
- September 18
  - Fred Willard, comedian

- Robert Blake, actor

- September 27
  - Greg Morris, actor (died 1996)
  - Kathleen Nolan, actress
- November 3 – Ken Berry, actor
- November 5 – Herb Edelman, actor (died 1996)
- November 19 – Larry King, talk show host
- November 28 – Hope Lange, actress (died 2003)
- December 8 – Flip Wilson, comedian (died 1998)
- December 15 – Tim Conway, comedian
- December 26 – Caroll Spinney, puppeteer

1934 in television

The year **1934 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1934.

Events[edit]

- March 31 – The agreement for joint experimental transmissions by the BBC and John Logie Baird's company ends.
- May 16 – The Seldon Committee is established to investigate the feasibility of a public television service in the UK.
- July 11 – In the U.S., the Communications Act of 1934 stipulates that commercial television stations "operate in the public interest, convenience, and necessity". The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the act.
- August 25 – Philo Farnsworth gives the world's first public demonstration of a complete all-electronic television system at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.
- November 5 – First television broadcasts in the USSR.

- Late 1934 – Vladimir K. Zworykin increases the number of scanning lines in electronic television from 240 lines at 24 frames per second to 343 lines at 30 frame/s.

Births[edit]

- January 8 – Roy Kinnear, comedian (died 1988)
- January 13 – Rip Taylor, comedian
- January 22 – Bill Bixby, television actor (*My Favorite Martian*, *The Incredible Hulk*) (died 1993)
- January 26 – Bob Uecker, sports commentator, actor
- February 12 – Bill Russell, basketball player
- February 14 – Florence Henderson, actress, *The Brady Bunch* (died 2016)
- February 21 – Rue McClanahan, actress, *The Golden Girls* (died 2010)
- March 5 – James Sikking, actor, *Hill Street Blues*
- April 24 – Shirley MacLaine, actress and author
- July 10 – Jerry Nelson, muppeteer, *Sesame Street*, *The Muppet Show*, (died 2012)
- August 7 - Steve Ihnat, actress, (died 1972)
- August 23 – Barbara Eden, actress, *I Dream of Jeannie*
- December 9 – Judi Dench, actress, *As Time Goes By*

1935 in television

Events[edit]



April 26: Eiffel Tower broadcasting.

- March 22 – Germany begins regular television service in Berlin *(Deutscher Fernseh-Rundfunk)*, from the Fernsehsender Paul Nipkow, using a 180-line electronic television system. It is generally only seen in public viewing rooms seating 30 people each.
- April 26 – France begins broadcasting regular transmissions from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
- September 11 – Final transmission of John Logie Baird's 30-line television system by the BBC. The BBC begins preparations for a regular high definition broadcasting service from Alexandra Palace.

Births[edit]

- January 9
  - Bob Denver, actor (died 2005)
  - Dick Enberg, sports commentator
- February 16 – Sonny Bono, singer and actor, United States Representative (died 1998)
- February 17 – Christina Pickles, actress
- February 25 – Sally Jessy Raphael, talk show hostess
- March 1 – Robert Conrad, actor
- March 15
  - Jimmy Swaggart, televangelist
  - Judd Hirsch, actor

- March 20 – Ted Bessell, actor (died 1996)
- April 13 – Lyle Waggoner, actor
- April 19 – Dudley Moore, actor (died 2002)
- May 27 – Lee Meriwether, actress
- June 21 – Monte Markham, actor
- June 28 – John Inman, actor (died 2007) Are You Being Served
- July 15
  - Alex Karras, football player, actor (died 2012)
  - Ken Kercheval, actor
- July 17 – Donald Sutherland, Canadian actor
- September 21 – Henry Gibson, actor, poet (died 2009)
- October 1 – Julie Andrews, actress, singer
- October 18 – Peter Boyle, actor (died 2006)
- October 20 – Jerry Orbach, actor (died 2004)
- November 27 – Verity Lambert, producer (died 2007)
- December 1 – Woody Allen, *Candid Camera* writer, American film director
- December 17 – George Lindsey, actor (died 2012)
- December 21 – Phil Donahue, talk show host

1936 in television

The year **1936 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1936.

Events[edit]

- July 7 – At David Sarnoff's request for an experiment of RCA's electronic television technology, NBC's first attempt at actual programming is a 30-minute variety show featuring

speeches, dance ensembles, monologues, vocal numbers, and film clips. It is shown to 225 of RCA's licensees on 22 centimeter screens, 343 lines per picture, 30 pictures per second.

- August – 72 hours of medium-definition (180-line) television broadcasts of the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin are seen by approximately 150,000 people in public viewing rooms in Berlin and Potsdam.

- November 2 – The first regular high-definition (then defined as at least 200 lines) television service from the BBC, based at Alexandra Palace in London, officially begins broadcasting (after test transmissions began in August). The service alternates on a weekly basis between John Logie Baird's 240-line mechanical system and the Marconi-EMI's 405-line all-electronic system. Programmes are broadcast daily, Monday to Saturday, at 15:00–16:00 and 20:00–22:00.

- November 6 – NBC in New York demonstrates electronic television to invited members of the press, with a 40-minute program of live acts and films, received on 30 centimeter television screens.

- First coaxial cables are laid between New York and Philadelphia by AT&T; they will transmit television and telephone signals.[1]

- By this year there are approximately 2,000 television receivers worldwide.

Debuts[edit]

- October 8 – *Picture Page* (UK) is first broadcast as part of the BBC's test transmissions prior to launch (1936–1939; 1946–1952)

- November 3 – *Starlight* (UK), a variety show, debuts on the BBC (1936–1939; 1946–1949).

- *Theatre Parade* (UK) premieres on the BBC (1936–1938).

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Picture Page	October 8, 1936	1939
	1946	1952
Starlight	November 3, 1936	1939
	1946	1952

Theatre Parade	1936	1938

Births[edit]

- January 1 – Valora Norland, American actress
- January 25 – Diana Hyland, American actress (died 1977)
- January 28 – Alan Alda, actor, star of *M*A*S*H*
- February 4 – Gary Conway, American actor and screenwriter
- February 11 – Burt Reynolds, US actor
- February 20
  - Larry Hovis, actor (died 2003)
  - Marj Dusay, actress
- February 29 – Alex Rocco, actor (died 2015)
- March 5 – Dean Stockwell, actor
- April 14 – Kenneth Mars, actor (died 2011)
- May 12 – Tom Snyder, talk show host (died 2007)
- May 14 – Bobby Darin, singer (died 1973)
- May 27 – Louis Gossett, Jr., actor
- June 11 – Chad Everett, actor (died 2012)
- June 30
  - Nancy Dussault, actress
  - Don Taylor, director (died 2003)
- July 24 – Ruth Buzzi, actress
- September 14 – Walter Koenig, actor, Ensign Chekhov on *Star Trek*

- September 24 – Jim Henson, puppeteer, creator of The Muppets (died 1990)
- October 31 – Michael Landon, actor and producer (died 1991)
- November 19 – Dick Cavett, talk show host
- December 8 – David Carradine, actor (died 2009)
- December 29 – Mary Tyler Moore, actress

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1937 in television

The year **1937 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1937.

Events[edit]

- January 19 – BBC Television broadcasts *The Underground Murder Mystery* by J. Bissell Thomas from its London station, the first play written for television.[1]
- February 6 – The BBC Television service discontinues the Baird system in favour of the Marconi-EMI 405 lines system.
- March 9 – Experimental broadcasting from Shabolovka Ulitsa television center, in Moscow (USSR).
- May – Gilbert Seldes becomes the first television critic, with his *Atlantic Monthly* magazine article, the "Errors of Television".
- May 12 – The BBC use their outside broadcast unit for the first time, to televise the coronation of George VI. A fragment of this broadcast is one of the earliest surviving examples of British television – filmed off-screen at home by an engineer with an 8 mm cine camera. A brief section of this footage was used in a programme during the week of the 1953 coronation of Elizabeth II, and this latter programme survives in the BBC's archives.
- May 14 – The BBC broadcasts a thirty-minute excerpt of *Twelfth Night*, the first known instance of a Shakespeare play televised. Among the cast are Peggy Ashcroft and Greer Garson.

- May 15 – RCA demonstrates projection television, with images enlarged to 8 by 10 feet, at the Institute of Radio Engineers convention.
- June 21 – Wimbledon Championships (tennis) first televised by the BBC.
- July 10 – High definition television with 455 lines is first shown in France at the International Exposition, Paris.
- September – High definition television broadcasts are sent from a new 30 kW (peak power) transmitter below the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
- November 9 – Bell Telephone Laboratories transmits television signal of 800 kHz bandwidth on a coaxial cable laid between New York and Philadelphia.
- November 11 (Armistice Day) – BBC Television devotes the evening to a broadcast of *Journey's End* by R. C. Sherriff (1928, set on the Western Front (World War I) in 1918), the first full-length television adaptation of a stage play. Reginald Tate plays the lead, Stanhope, a rôle he has performed extensively in the theatre.[2][3]
- December 31 – By this time, 2,121 television sets have been sold in England.
- CBS announces their efforts to develop television broadcasts.

Debuts[edit]

- April 17 – *The Disorderly Room* (UK) premieres on the BBC Television Service (1937 & 1939).
- April 24 – *For The Children* (UK), the BBC's first programme for children, debuts (1937–1939; 1946–1950).
- April 30 – *Sports Review* (UK), the first regular sports programme, debuts on the BBC (1937–1939).

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Picture Page (UK)	October 8, 1936	1939
	1946	1952
Starlight (UK)	November 3, 1936	1939

	1946	1949
Theatre Parade (UK)	1936	1938
The Disorderly Room (UK)	April 17, 1937	August 20, 1939
For The Children (UK)	April 24, 1937	1939
	July 7, 1946	1950
Sports Review (UK)	April 30, 1937	1939

Births[edit]

- February 1 – Garrett Morris, actor and comedian, *Saturday Night Live*
- April 22 – Jack Nicholson, actor
- June 1 – Morgan Freeman, actor
- June 2 – Sally Kellerman, actress
- June 3 – Edward Winter, American actor and director (d. 2001)
- July 12 – Bill Cosby, actor and comedian
- August 8 – Dustin Hoffman, actor
- November 21 – Ingrid Pitt, actress (died 2010)
- December 21 – Jane Fonda, actress
- December 29 – Barbara Steele, actress

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1938 in television

The year **1938 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1938.

Events[edit]

- February 21 – The BBC One broadcasts the first ever television science-fiction, a 35-minute adaptation of a segment of the play *R.U.R.* by the Czech playwright Karel Čapek.

- March 12 – First news bulletin aired by BBC television, in sound only. Previously, the service had broadcast British Movietone News cinema newsreels.

- April 1 – The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race is first televised by the BBC.

- April 19 – The first televised association football match, England vs. Scotland, shown by the BBC.

- April 23 – The FA Cup Final is televised for the first time by the BBC.

- May 12 – W2XBS telecasts the 1937 film *Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel*. The staff projectionist accidentally plays the last reel out of order, ending the film 20 minutes early. NBC is unable to obtain the rights to first run movies for many years to follow.

- May 14 – The first quiz show, *Spelling Bee*, is televised by the BBC.

- May – Communicating Systems, Inc. of New York introduces the first electronic television sets available to the general public in the U.S. Model with 3-inch (76 mm) tube is $125–$150, 5-inch tube is $195–$250. Image only; sound apparatus is $15 more. Sets become available in department stores in June.

- June – DuMont, an electronics company, introduces television sets in the US, receiving both pictures and sound. $650 for a 10 by 8-in. screen, $395 for 8¼ by 6½ in.

- June 24 – Test Match Cricket is broadcast for the first time by the BBC, with coverage of the second test of The Ashes series between England and the Australian team, live from Lord's Cricket Ground.

- September 29 – License for W9XAT Minneapolis, Minnesota, granted in 1929, expires. Television doesn't exist in the area again for a decade.

- October 26 – The first televised ice hockey match, Harringay Racers vs. Streatham Redskins, shown by the BBC.

- November - Due to freak atmospheric conditions, a BBC TV broadcast is received in New York City. A film camera is used to record the silent images which included the performance of a play, a cartoon, and other matter. A four-minute excerpt from this filmed recording survives and is, as of 2014, considered the only surviving example of a pre-war BBC television transmission. [1]

- November 12 – NBC's W2XBT broadcasts what is the first telecast of an unscheduled event, a fire on Wards Island near Manhattan.

- John Logie Baird gives the world's first public demonstration of a colour television broadcast (previous demonstrations of colour television in the UK and US had been via closed circuit). The 120-line image is projected at the Dominion Theatre, London on a 12 by 9 feet (3.7 by 2.7 m) screen in front of an audience of 3,000 people.

- December 12 – Start of daily television broadcasting in Moscow (USSR).

- December 31 – 9,315 television sets are sold in England.

Television shows[edit]

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Theatre Parade (UK)	1936	1938

The Disorderly Room (UK)	April 17, 1937	August 20, 1939
For The Children (UK)	April 24, 1937	1939
	July 7, 1946	1950
Sports Review (UK)	April 30, 1937	1939
Telecrime (UK)	August 10, 1938	July 25, 1939
	October 22, 1946	November 25, 1946

Debuts[edit]

- August 10 – *Telecrime* (UK), the first television crime series, debuts on the BBC (1938–1939; 1946).
- December 31 – the first television adaption of *Romeo And Juliet* is broadcast

Programs ending during 1938[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
Unknown	*Theatre Parade* (UK)	1936

Births[edit]

- January 8 – Bob Eubanks, game show host
- January 13 – Billy Gray, child actor
- February 1 – Sherman Hemsley, actor (died 2012)
- April 6 – Paul Daniels, magician (died 2016)

- April 28 – Madge Sinclair, actress (died 1995)
- May 28 – Jerry West, basketball player
- July 9 – Brian Dennehy, actor
- July 20 – Diana Rigg, actress
- July 29 – Peter Jennings, journalist (died 2005)
- August 6 – Peter Bonerz, actor, director
- August 29 – Elliott Gould, actor
- September 2 – Mary Jo Catlett, actress
- September 17 – Paul Benedict, actor (died 2008)
- October 18 – Dawn Wells, actress
- October 22 – Christopher Lloyd, actor
- November 19 – Ted Turner, broadcaster

References[edit]

1939 in television

The year **1939 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1939.

Events[edit]

- March 4 – The BBC Television Service broadcasts one of the first television plays specially written for the medium, *Condemned To Be Shot* by R. E. J. Brooke, live from its London studios at Alexandra Palace. The production is notable for the use of a camera as the first-person perspective of the play's unseen main character.
- March 27 – The BBC broadcasts the entirety of *Magyar Melody* live from His Majesty's Theatre in London. The 175-minute broadcast is the first showing of a full-length musical by television.
- April – Television demonstrations are held at the 1939 New York World's Fair on Long Island and the Golden Gate International Exhibition in San Francisco.

- April 30 – Franklin D. Roosevelt, appearing at the opening ceremony of the 1939 New York World's Fair, becomes the first President of the United States to give a speech that is broadcast by television.

- April – RCA, General Electric, Dumont and others begin selling television sets to the public in the New York City area. Screen sizes typically range from 5 to 12 inches, and Dumont features 14-inch and 16-inch models. Prices start at $200 and go as high as $1000.

- May 17 – The first baseball game (Princeton University vs. Columbia University) is broadcast by television, from Baker Field in New York. Bill Stern is the announcer.

- May 19 – The Walt Disney cartoon *Donald's Cousin Gus* airs on NBC's experimental station W2XBS (later WNBC-TV) in New York. This marks the first movie cartoon to be televised in the United States.

- June 1 – The first heavyweight boxing match is televised, Max Baer vs Lou Nova, from Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

- August 26

  - The first Major League Baseball game is telecast, a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn, New York.

  - Poland broadcasts a feature film for the first time—*Barbara Radziwiłłówna* (1936)—using the experimental transmitter mounted atop the Prudential building in Warsaw.

- August 31 – 18,999 television sets have been sold in England before manufacture stops due to World War II.

- September 1 – The anticipated outbreak of World War II brings television broadcasting at the BBC in Britain to an end at 12:35 p.m. after the broadcast of a Mickey Mouse cartoon, *Mickey's Gala Premier*, various sound and vision test signals, and announcements by presenter Fay Cavendish. It is feared that the VHF waves of television would act as a homing signal for guiding enemy bombers to central London: in any case, the engineers of the television service would be needed for the war effort, particularly for development of radar. The BBC would resume its broadcasting, with the same *Mickey Mouse* cartoon, after the war in 1946.

- September 30 – The first televised college football game, Fordham University vs Waynesburg College, at Randall's Island, New York.

- October 22 – The first National Football League game is televised. The Brooklyn Dodgers vs. Philadelphia Eagles at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

- November 8 – CBS television station W2XAB resumes test transmission with an all-electronic system broadcast from the top of the Chrysler Building in New York City.[1]

Television shows[edit]

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	October 22, 1946	November 25, 1946

Programs ending during 1939[edit]

Date	Show	Debut

August 20	*The Disorderly Room* (UK)	1937
Unknown	*Sports Review* (UK)	

Births[edit]

- January 17 – Maury Povich, talk show host
- January 22 – Jeff Smith, American chef and presenter (died 2004)
- February 6 – Mike Farrell, actor
- April 11 – Louise Lasser, actress
- April 23
    - David Birney, actor
    - Lee Majors, actor
- April 27 – Judy Carne, comedian (died 2015)
- May 1 – Max Robinson, journalist (died 1988)
- May 25 – Dixie Carter, actress (died 2010)
- June 1 – Cleavon Little, actor (died 1992)
- June 9 – Dick Vitale, sportscaster
- July 31 – Susan Flannery, actress.
- August 22 – Valerie Harper, actress
- August 29 – Joel Schumacher, film director
- September 1 – Lily Tomlin, comedian
- September 29 – Larry Linville, actor (died 2000)
- December 27 – John Amos, actor

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1940 in television

The year **1940 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1940.

Events[edit]

- January – The FCC has public hearings concerning television.
- February 25 – The first ice hockey game is televised in the United States, the New York Rangers vs Montreal Canadiens, from Madison Square Garden on W2XBS-TV.
- February 28 – The first basketball game is televised, from Madison Square Garden; Fordham University vs the University of Pittsburgh.
- March 10 – The Metropolitan Opera broadcast for the first time from NBC studios at Rockefeller Center an abridged performance of the first act of *Pagliacci*, along with excerpts from four other operas.
- March 15 – RCA reduces the price of television sets.
- May 21 – Bell Telephone Laboratories transmits a 441-line video signal, with a bandwidth of 2.7 MHz, by coaxial cable from New York to Philadelphia and back.
- June – W2XBS in New York (NBC) covers the Republican National Convention from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 33 hours, during a five-day period. The signal is transmitted via coaxial cable.
- August 29 – Peter Carl Goldmark of CBS announces his invention of a color television system.
- September 3 – CBS resumes its television transmissions with the first demonstration of high definition color TV, by W2XAB, transmitting from the Chrysler Building.

Births[edit]

- January 19 – Mike Reid, English actor and comedian (died 2007)
- January 22 – John Hurt, English actor

- January 27 – James Cromwell, actor
- February 2 – David Jason, English actor
- February 12 – Ralph Bates, English actor (died 1991)
- February 22 – Judy Cornwell, English actress
- February 27 – Howard Hesseman, actor
- March 7 – Daniel J. Travanti, actor
- March 8 – Susan Clark, actress
- March 10 – Chuck Norris, actor
- April 17 – Chuck Menville, American television animator and writer (died 1992)
- May 5 – Lance Henriksen, actor
- June 1 – Rene Auberjonois, actor
- June 20 – John Mahoney, English-born actor
- June 21 – Mariette Hartley, actress
- July 13 – Patrick Stewart, English actor
- July 18 – James Brolin, actor
- July 22 – Alex Trebek, game show host, *Jeopardy!*
- August 3 – Martin Sheen, actor
- August 19 – Jill St. John, actress
- August 22 – Valerie Harper, actress
- September 5 – Raquel Welch, actress
- September 12 – Linda Gray, actress
- October 19 – Michael Gambon, Irish-born British actor
- December 11 – Donna Mills, actress

1941 in television

The year **1941 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1941.

Events[edit]

- April 30 – In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approves the National Television System Committee (NTSC) standards of 525 lines and 30 frames per second, and authorizes commercial television broadcasting to begin on July 1.
- May 2 – In the United States, 10 television stations are granted commercial TV licenses (effective July 1). These stations are required to broadcast 15 hours per week. Bulova Watch Co., Sun Oil Co., Lever Bros. Co. and Procter & Gamble sponsor the first commercial telecasts from WNBT (now WNBC-TV) in New York.
- July 1
  - Commercial television is authorized by the FCC.
  - NBC television begins commercial operation by its affiliate WNBT New York using channel 1. The world's first legal television commercial advertisement, for Bulova watches, airs at 2:29 PM on WNBT before a baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. An announcement for Bulova watches, for which the company pays anywhere from $4.00 to $9.00 (reports vary), displays a WNBT test pattern modified to look like a clock with the hands showing the time, and the Bulova logo, with the phrase "Bulova Watch Time" shown in the lower right-hand quadrant of the test pattern while the second hand sweeps around the dial for one minute [1][2] On July 1, Ray Forrest reads the first formal on-camera TV announcement, followed on July 4 by the first live commercial, for Adam Hats.
  - As a one-off special, the first quiz show called "Uncle Bee" is telecast on WNBT's inaugural broadcast day, followed later the same day by Ralph Edwards hosting the second game show broadcast on United States television, *Truth or Consequences*, as simulcast by radio and TV and sponsored by Ivory soap. Weekly broadcasts of the show commence during 1956, with Bob Barker.
  - CBS television begins commercial operation on New York station WCBW (now WCBS-TV) using channel 2.
- December 7 – Ray Forrest of WNBT broadcasts special news report concerning the Pearl Harbor attack, preempting regular programming, a New York Rangersice hockey game. WCBW also broadcasts a special that evening, from their Grand Central Terminal studios.

Debuts[edit]

- July 2 - *CBS Television Quiz* premieres as television's first regular game show (1941–1942).

- July 7 - *Men At Work*, an early variety show, debuts on CBS (1941-1942).[3]
- August 27 - *Thrills and Chills Everywere* debuts on NBC (1941-1946).[4]
- September 12 - *The Face of the War*, an early news show hosted by Sam Cuff, debuts on NBC (1941-1945).[5] [6]

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
CBS Television Quiz	July 2, 1941	July 1, 1942
Men At Work	July 7, 1941	January 26, 1942
Thrills and Chills Everywere	August 27, 1941	1946
The Face of the War	September 12, 1941	1945

Births[edit]

- January 31 – Jessica Walter, actress.
- April 3 – Eric Branden, German-born actor.
- April 20 – Ryan O'Neal, actor.
- April 28 – Ann-Margret, Swedish-born actress, dancer and singer.
- May 13 – Santa Berger, Austrian actress and producer.
- June 2 – Stacy Keach, actor.
- June 21 – Joe Flasher, Canadian-American actor and comedian.
- June 22 – Michael Lerner, actor.
- October 10 – Peter Coyote, actor.
- October 31 – Sally Kirkland, actress.

- November 1 – Robert Fox worth, actor.

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1942 in television

The year **1942 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1942.

Events[edit]

- April 1 – The U.S. War Production Board halts the manufacture of television and radio equipment for consumer use. The ban is lifted October 1, 1945.
- April 13 – The Federal Communications Commission minimum programming time required of U.S. television stations is reduced from 15 hours to four hours a week during the war.

Television shows[edit]

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Men At Work	July 7, 1941	January 26, 1942
Thrills and Chills	August 27, 1941	1946?

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The Face of the War	September 12, 1941	1945

Programs ending during 1942[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 26, 1942	*Men At Work*	July 7, 1941
July 1, 1942	*CBS Television Quiz*	July 2, 1941

Births[edit]

- January 3 – John Thaw, English actor (died 2002)
- January 8 – Yvette Mimieux, actress
- January 17 – Muhammad Ali, boxer (died 2016)
- February 13 – Peter Tork, musician and member of *The Monkees*
- February 25 – Karen Grassle, actress (*Little House on the Prairie*)
- April 3 – Marsha Mason, actress and director
- April 23 – Sandra Dee, actress (died 2005)
- May 20 – David Proval, actor (*The Sopranos*)
- June 18 – Nick Tate, Australian actor (*Space: 1999*)
- June 24 – Michele Lee, actress, dancer and singer (*Knots Landing*)
- August 20 – Isaac Hayes, singer and actor (died 2008)
- October 4 – Christopher Stone, actor (died 1995)

- October 6 – Britt Ekland, Swedish actress
- October 20 – Earl Hindman, actor (*Home Improvement*) (died 2003)
- October 31 – David Ogden Stiers, actor (*M*A*S*H*)
- November 1 – Marcia Wallace, actress and comedian (*The Bob Newhart Show* and *The Simpsons*) (died 2013)
- November 18
  - Linda Evans, actress (*Dynasty*)
  - Susan Sullivan, actress (*Falcon Crest*)
- December 7 – Peter Tomarken, game show host (*Press Your Luck*) (died 2006)
- December 30 – Michael Nesmith, musician and member of *The Monkees*

1943 in television

The year **1943 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1943.

Events[edit]

- May 8 – Opening of Paris Télévision – Fernsehsender Paris, a channel operated by German occupation authorities (Kurt Hinzmann, former director of Fernsehsender "Paul Nipkow") after an agreement between Telefunken and Compagnie des Compteurs, with a (German) 441-line standard. Local French programmes and Fernsehsender "Paul Nipkow“ programmes were interlaced.
- **June** – Work is begun for the U.S. Army Air Forces to develop a remotely controlled glide bomb guided by a radio receiver and a television transmitter using a 625-line iconoscope tube. The first are completed in July and tested in August.
- December 23 – The first complete opera, *Hansel and Gretel*, is telecast, by WRGB in Schenectady.
- The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) is formed. Its television network debuts in 1948.
- Germany experiments with a flying bomb guided by a television camera, created by Fernseh, using both the Superikonoscope and the Farnsworth image dissector.

Debuts[edit]

- *The Voice of Firestone Televues* (1943–1947; renamed *The Voice of Firestone*, broadcast from 1949 to 1963).

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Thrills and Chills Everywere	August 27, 1941	1946?
The Face of the War	September 12, 1941	1945
The Voice of Firestone Televues	1943	1947
	1949	1963

Births[edit]

- January 1 – Don Novello, actor, *Saturday Night Live*.
- January 13 – Richard Moll, actor, *Night Court*.
- January 23 – Gil Gerard, actor.
- January 24 – Sharon Tate, actress, model (d. 1969)
- January 28 – John Beck, actor.
- February 17 – Claire Malis, American actress (d. 2012)
- February 27 – Mary Frann, actress (d. 1998).
- March 18 – Kevin Dobson, actor.
- March 29 – Eric Idle, actor, comedian.
- May 24 – Gary Burghoff, actor.
- May 27 – Bruce Weitz, actor.

- May 31 – Sharon Gless, actress.
- June 7
  - Ken Osmond, American actor and police officer
  - Michael Pennington, English actor and director
- June 16 – Joan Van Ark, actress.
- July 3 – Kurtwood Smith, actor.
- July 31 – Susan Flannery, actress.
- August 2 – Max Wright, actor.
- October 8 – Chevy Chase, actor, comedian, *Saturday Night Live*.
- October 27 – Carmen Argenziano, actor, *Stargate SG-1*.
- November 20 – Veronica Hamel, actress.
- December 23 – Harry Shearer, actor, *Saturday Night Live*, *This Is Spinal Tap*, *The Simpsons*.
- December 28 – Richard Whiteley, presenter (d. 2005).

Deaths[edit]

- January 7 - Nikola Tesla, inventor of the Tesla coil (born 1856)

1944 in television

The year **1944 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1944.

Events[edit]

- May 22 – The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) increases its limits for single ownership of television stations from three to five.
- May 25 – First commercial U.S. telecast by relay. Eddie Cantor is broadcast from NBC's Manhattan station WNBT to Philco's Philadelphia station WPTZ, via an automatic relay tower halfway between the two cities. (The AT&T corporation's coaxial cable between the cities is unavailable because of the war.) NBC stops broadcasting Cantor in the middle of his

rendition of the song "We're Having a Baby, My Baby and Me" when it finds some of the lyrics and his gestures "objectionable."

- August 16
  - Paris télévision – Fernsehsender Paris stops broadcasting. Broadcasting is resumed by the new French government in October 1944 under the name Télévision française with the same technical equipment.
  - John Logie Baird demonstrates the world's first color television picture tube. Color movies are shown from a flying-spot scanner.

Debuts[edit]

- *The War As It Happens*, an early news show debuts (1944-1945)[1]
- *At Home*, variety series (1944-1945)
- *Missus Goes a Shopping*, a game series, premieres (1944–1949)
- *The World in Your Home*, an educational series, (1944–1948)
- *Opinions on Trial*, a discussion series (1944-1945?)
- *Will You Remember?*, a music series (1944-1945)

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
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The Voice of Firestone Televues	1943	1947
	1949	1963
The War As It Happens	February 21, 1944	1945

Missus Goes a Shopping	August 1, 1944	1949
The World in Your Home	1944	1948
Will You Remember?	1944	1945?
Opinions on Trial	1944	1945?
At Home	1944	1945

Births[edit]

- January 6 – Bonnie Franklin, actress and director (died 2013)
- January 11 – Shelley Fabares, actress and singer
- January 23 – Rutger Hauer, Dutch actor
- February 3 – Trisha Noble, Australian singer and actress
- February 8 – Roger Lloyd-Pack, English actor (died 2014)
- February 13 – Stockard Channing, actress
- February 29 – Dennis Farina, actor (died 2013)
- March 26 – Diana Ross, singer and actress
- March 28 – Ken Howard, actor (died 2016)
- April 4 – Craig T. Nelson, actor
- April 29 – Richard Kline, actor and director
- May 14 – George Lucas, director and producer
- June 4 – Michelle Phillips, singer and actress
- July 8 – Jeffrey Tambor, actor
- July 15 – Jan-Michael Vincent, actor

- August 7 – John Glover, actor
- August 11 – Ian McDiarmid, Scottish actor
- August 13 – Kevin Tighe, actor
- September 13 – Jacqueline Bisset, English actress
- October 28 – Dennis Franz, actor
- November 17 – Danny DeVito, actor, comedian, director and producer
- December 2 – Cathy Lee Crosby, actress
- December 11 – Lynda Day George, actress
- December 17 – Bernard Hill, English actor

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1945 in television

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Events[edit]

- The final months of World War II continued to disrupt television operations in Europe until July.
- October 1 – The U.S. War Production Board ends its wartime ban of the manufacture of radio and television equipment for consumer use.
- December 1 – US Army-Navy football game is transmitted 145 kilometers (90 mi) by coaxial cable from Philadelphia to New York City.
- December 15 – Moscow TV center reinstated regular TV broadcasting after World War II.
- Reopening of French TV station RDF in 441-line standard (October 10).
- First weather programme on French television (December 17).

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The War As It Happens	February 21, 1944	1945
The World in Your Home	1944	1948
Missus Goes A Shopping	August 1, 1944	1949
Dr. Death	1945	1945
On Stage, Everybody	1945	1945
Teletruth	1945	194?
Television Quarterback	1945	1946?

Programs ending[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
Unknow	*The War As It*	February 21, 1944

n	*Happens*	
	The Face of the War	September 12, 1941

Births[edit]

- January 29 – Tom Selleck, actor
- February 22 – Leslie Charleson, American soap actress
- February 26 – Marta Kristen, Norwegian actress
- March 1 – Dirk Benedict, actor
- March 8 – Micky Dolenz, singer, member of *The Monkees*
- April 13 – Tony Dow, actor
- May 21 – Richard Hatch, actor
- May 24 – Priscilla Presley, actress
- June 11 – Adrienne Barbeau, actress
- July 6 – Burt Ward, actor
- July 10 – Ron Glass, actor
- August 5 – Loni Anderson, actress
- August 14 – Steve Martin, actor and comedian
- October 4 - Clifton Davis, actor
- October 18 – Huell Howser, host of *California's Gold* (died 2013)
- October 19 – John Lithgow, actor
- October 20 – George Wyner, actor
- October 26 – Jaclyn Smith, actress
- October 27 – Carrie Snodgress, actress (died 2004)

- October 30 – Henry Winkler, actor
- November 21 – Goldie Hawn, actress
- November 26 – Daniel Davis, actor
- November 27 – James Avery, actor (died 2013)
- December 1 – Bette Midler, actress, comedian and singer
- December 9 – Michael Nouri, actor
- December 25 – Gary Sandy, actor

1946 in television

The year **1946 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1946.

Events[edit]

- February 4 – RCA demonstrates an all-electronic color television system.
- February 18 – The first Washington, D.C. – New York City telecast through AT&T corporation's coaxial cable, in which General Dwight Eisenhower placed a wreath at the base of the statue in the Lincoln Memorial and others made brief speeches, is termed a success by engineers, although *Time* magazine calls it "as blurred as an early Chaplin movie."
- February 25 – The prewar U.S. 18-channel VHF allocation is officially ended in favor of a new 13-channel VHF allocation due to the appropriation of some frequencies by the military and the relocation of FM radio. Only five of the old channels are the same as new channels in terms of frequency and none have the same number as before.
- April 22 – CBS transmits a Technicolor movie short and color slides by coaxial cable from Manhattan to Washington (332 kilometers) and return.
- June 7 – The BBC Television Service begins broadcasting again for the first time since 1939. The first words heard are "Good afternoon everybody. How are you? Do you remember me, Jasmine Bligh?". Twenty minutes later, the Mickey Mouse cartoon *Mickey's Gala Premiere*, last programme transmitted seven years earlier at the start of World War II, is reshown.
- June 19 – The first televised heavyweight boxing title fight between Joe Louis and Billy Conn is broadcast from Yankee Stadium. The fight is seen by 141,000 people, the largest television audience to see a boxing match to this date.

- July 7 – Broadcasting of the BBC's children's programme *For The Children* is resumed, one of the few pre-war programmes to resume after reintroduction of the service.
- August 4 – Children's puppet "Muffin the Mule" debuts in an episode of the series *For the Children*. He is so popular he is given his own show later that same year.
- September 6 – Chicago's WBKB-TV (now WBBM-TV) commences broadcasting as the first U.S. television station outside the Eastern Time Zone.
- September 15 – DuMont Television Network begins broadcasting regularly in the United States.
- October 2 – The first television network soap opera, *Faraway Hill*, is broadcast by DuMont.
- October 22 – *Telecrime*, the first television crime series from the 1930s, is resumed by the BBC, retitled *Telecrimes*.
- December 24 – The first church service is telecast, Grace Episcopal Church in New York, on WABD.
- Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo founds a company, which would later become Sony.
- Zoomar introduces the first professional zoom lens for television cameras.
- In the United States, only DuMont and NBC are broadcasting evenings during 1946. DuMont broadcasts a Western movie on Sunday night for an hour, other programming for an hour on Tuesday, and half hours on Wednesday and Thursday nights. NBC broadcasts an hour of programming on Sunday, two hours on Thursday, and the *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* on Monday and Friday nights, with an additional hour on Fridays.
- The first postwar television sets are released by the companies RCA, DuMont, Crosley, and Belmont.

Debuts[edit]

- *Boxing From St. Nicholas Arena* (1946-1948)
- *You Be the Judge* premieres on WCBW
- *See What You Know* (1946-1949)
- May 9 – The first regularly scheduled American variety show, *Hour Glass*, premieres on NBC (1946–1947).
- *Face to Face* premieres on NBC (1946–1947).
- *Geographically Speaking* premieres on NBC (1946-1947)
- *Cash and Carry* premieres on the DuMont network (1946–1947).

- *Serving Through Science* premieres on DuMont (1946–1947).
- *I Love to Eat* premieres on NBC (1946–1947).
- September 24 – *Play the Game* (1946), a US game show.
- *Faraway Hill*, the first network-televised soap opera, debuts on DuMont.
- *You Are an Artist* premieres on NBC (1946–1950).
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960).
- *Let's Rhumba* premieres on NBC (1946–1947).
- *Television Screen Magazine* premieres on NBC (1946–1949).
- *Campus Hoopla* premieres (1946–1947).
- November 2 – *Kaleidoscope* (UK) (1946–1953).
- November 29 – *Pinwright's Progress* (UK), British television's first situation comedy, debuts on the BBC Television Service (1946–1947).
- *Paging You* premieres (1946–1948).
- *Muffin the Mule* (UK) premieres (1946–1955).
- *Let's Play Reporter* premieres on WABD-TV, but produced by ABC

Television shows[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Picture Page (UK)	October 8, 1936	1939
	1946	1952
Starlight (UK)	November 3, 1936	1939
	1946	1949
For The Children (UK)	April 24, 1937	1939

	July 7, 1946	1950
Telecrime (UK)	August 10, 1938	July 25, 1939
	October 22, 1946	November 25, 1946
Thrills and Chills Everywere	August 27, 1941	1946?
The Voice of Firestone Televues	1943	1947
	1949	1963
Missus Goes A Shopping	August 1, 1944	1949
The World in Your Home	1944	1948
Boxing From St. Nicholas Arena	1946	1948
You Be the Judge	1946	194?
See What You Know	1946	1949
Hour Glass	May 9, 1946	March 1947
Face to Face	June 9, 1946	January 26, 1947
Geographically Speaking	June 9, 1946	October 1947

Cash and Carry	June 20, 1946	July 1, 1947
Serving Through Science	August 15, 1946	1947
I Love to Eat	August 30, 1946	1947
Play the Game	September 24, 1946	December 17, 1946
Kaleidoscope (UK)	November 2, 1946	1953
Pinwright's Progress (UK)	November 29, 1946	May 16, 1947
Faraway Hill	October 2, 1946	December 18, 1946
You Are an Artist	November 1, 1946	1950
Gillette Cavalcade of Sports	November 8, 1946	June 24, 1960
Let's Rhumba	1946	1947
Television Screen Magazine	1946	1949
Campus Hoopla	1946	1947
Muffin the Mule (UK)	1946	1955
Paging You (UK)	1946	1948

Programs ending[edit]

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Births[edit]

- January 19 – Dolly Parton, country, singer and actress
- February 1 – Elisabeth Sladen, English actress, *Doctor Who* (died 2011)
- February 7 – Pete Postlethwaite, English actor (died 2011)
- February 20 – Brenda Blethyn, English actress
- February 21 – Tyne Daly, actress, *Cagney & Lacey*
- March 21 – Timothy Dalton, Welsh actor
- April 5 – Jane Asher, English actress
- April 12 – Ed O'Neill, actor, *Married... with Children*
- April 19 – Tim Curry, English actor and singer
- May 1 – Joanna Lumley, English actress
- May 9 – Candice Bergen, actress and model
- June 23 – Ted Shackelford, actor, *Knots Landing*
- June 28 – Gilda Radner, actress, comedian, *Saturday Night Live* (died 1989)

- July 13 – Cheech Marin, actor and comedian
- July 22 – Danny Glover, actor and director
- August 16 – Lesley Ann Warren, actress and singer
- September 25 – Felicity Kendal, English actress
- September 29 – Patricia Hodge, English actress
- October 4 – Susan Sarandon, actress
- October 14 – Katy Manning, English actress
- October 15 – John Getz, actor
- October 16 – Suzanne Somers, actress and singer
- October 26 – Pat Sajak, game show host, *Wheel of Fortune*
- November 6 – Sally Field, actress and singer
- December 14 – Patty Duke, actress (died 2016)
- December 19 – Robert Urich, actor (died 2002)
- December 23 – Susan Lucci, actress, *All My Children*

1947 in television

The year **1947 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1947.

Events[edit]

- January 3 – Proceedings of the U.S. Congress are televised for the first time.
- January 22 – The first commercial television station west of the Mississippi River, KTLA, begins operation in Hollywood.
- January 29 – RCA company demonstrates an all-electronic color television system using live images, to the US Federal Communications Commission.
- January 30 – The FCC rejects CBS' color television system.

- February 10 to March 11 – BBC television service in the UK is temporarily suspended due to a national fuel crisis.

- March 11 – The first successful American children's television series, *Movies for Small Fry* debuts on the DuMont Network.

- July 16 – RCA demonstrates the world's first all-electronic color camera to the Federal Communications Commission. (Only television receivers were present at the demonstration on January 29; the camera was at a remote studio.)

- September 30 – The opening game of the World Series is the first World Series game to be telecast. The 1947 World Series was watched by an estimated 3.9 million people (many watching in bars and other public places), becoming television's first mass audience.

- October 5 – The first telecast of a presidential address from the White House. President Truman speaks about the world food crisis. It is preceded by a Jell-O commercial, and features the president discussing his program for food rationing. The address was televised by WTVW-TV (presently WJLA-TV Channel 7 in Washington DC) as part of its inaugural broadcast. It was also simulcast by radio. It was long believed that no copy of this broadcast existed, but segments are preserved on kinescope in the Library of Congress. (For the record, President Franklin Roosevelt's address broadcast over NBC experimental television W2XBS—now WNBC—at the 1939 New York World's Fair preceded the 1947 Truman broadcast. However, Truman's broadcast is indeed the first from inside the White House.)

- October 13 – The puppet show series *Junior Jamboree*, later known as *Kukla, Fran and Ollie*, premieres on WBKB in Chicago, Illinois.

- November 6 – *Meet the Press* first appears as a local program in Washington, D.C..

- November 8 – Memorial service broadcast from the Cenotaph by the BBC, using tele-recording for the first time.

- The first Hollywood movie production for TV, *The Public Prosecutor*.

- There are 44,000 television sets in use in the United States.

Debuts[edit]

- March 11 – *Small Fry Club* (1947–1951)

- April 3 – *Juvenile Jury* (1947–1954)

- May – *The Swift Home Service Club* (1947–?)

- May 2 – *Doorway to Fame* (1947–1949)

- May 7 – *Kraft Television Theater* on NBC, the first regularly scheduled drama series on a network (1947–1958)

- May 15 – *King Cole's Birthday Party* (1947–1949)
- May 21 – *In the Kelvinator Kitchen* (1947–1948)[1]
- June 16 – *The Walter Compton News* (1947–1948)
- July 8 – *Major League Baseball on NBC* (1947–2000)
- July 25 – *Musical Merry-Go-Round* (1947–1949)
- October 13 – *Junior Jamboree* (later named *Kukla, Fran and Ollie*), on WBKB in Chicago (1947–1957)
- October 1947 – first telecording by BBC (kinescope), showing black singer Adelaide Hall performing two songs with chorus and her guitar
- November 18 – situation comedy *Mary Kay and Johnny* on Dumont network (1947–1950)
- November 19 – *Missus Goes a Shopping* debuts on CBS, becoming that network's first commercial daytime series.[2]
- November 20 – *Meet the Press*, first network telecast on NBC (1947–present)
- November 27 – *Charade Quiz* (1947–1949)
- November – *Swing Into Sports* (1947–1949)
- December 4 – *Television Playhouse* (1947–1948)
- December 8 – *Americana* (1947–1949)
- December 27 – *Puppet Television Theater* (later called *Howdy Doody*), a children's television program on NBC (1947–1960)
- *The Jack Eigen Show* (1947–1951)
- *Café Continental* (UK) on the BBC Television Service) (1947–1953)

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Cash and Carry	June 20, 1946	July 1, 1947

Serving Through Science	August 15, 1946	1947
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You Are an Artist	1946	1950
Gillette Cavalcade of Sports	November 8, 1946	June 24, 1960
Let's Rhumba	1946	1947
Television Screen Magazine	1946	1949
Campus Hoopla	1946	1947
Swing Into Sports	1947	1949
Chicagoland Mystery Players	1947	July 23, 1950
The Jack Eigen Show	1947	1951
Small Fry Club	1947	1951
Juvenile Jury	1947	1954
The Swift Home Service Club	May 1947	?
Doorway to Fame	May 2, 1947	July 4, 1949
Kraft Television Theater	May 7, 1947	1958

King Cole's Birthday Party	May 15, 1947	June 23, 1949
In the Kelvinator Kitchen	1947	1948
The Walter Compton News	June 16, 1947	January 1948
Major League Baseball on NBC	July 8, 1947	October 17, 2000
Musical Merry-Go-Round	1947	1949
Kukla, Fran and Ollie	October 13, 1947	1957
Meet the Press (longest running program with more than 4000 episodes)	1947	Still in broadcast
Pantomime Quiz	November 13, 1947	October 9, 1959
Mary Kay and Johnny	November 18, 1947	March 11, 1950
Charade Quiz	1947	1949
Television Playhouse	December 4, 1947	April 11, 1948
Americana	1947	1949
Howdy Doody	December 27, 1947	September 24, 1960
Kaleidoscope (UK)	November 2,	1953

	1946	
Pinwright's Progress (UK)	November 29, 1946	May 16, 1947
Muffin the Mule (UK)	1946	1955
Paging You (UK)	1946	1948
Café Continental (UK)	1947	1953
Eye Witness	1947	1948

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 17	*The Voice of Firestone*	1943
	Let's Rhumba	1946
January 26	*Face to Face*	
March	*Hour Glass*	
May 16	*Pinwright's Progress* (UK)	
May 18	*I Love to Eat*	
May 27	*Serving Through Science*	

July 1	*Cash and Carry*	
October	*Geographically Speaking*	
Unknown	*Campus Hoopla*	

Births[edit]

- February 2 – Farrah Fawcett, actress (*Charlie's Angels*) (died 2009)
- February 24 – Edward James Olmos, Actor (*Miami Vice*)
- March 1 – Alan Thicke, actor (*Growing Pains*) (died 2016)
- March 6 – Rob Reiner, actor (*All in the Family*), producer and director
- April 6 – John Ratzenberger, actor, (*Cheers*)
- April 12 – David Letterman, comedian and talk show host (*The Late Show*)
- April 23 – Blair Brown, actress (*The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*)
- June 21
  - Meredith Baxter, actress (*Family Ties*)
  - Michael Gross, actor (*Family Ties*)
- June 22 – David Lander, comedic actor (*Laverne & Shirley*)
- July 2 – Larry David, actor, writer and producer (*Seinfeld*)
- July 3 – Betty Buckley, actress and singer (*Eight is Enough*)
- July 22 – Albert Brooks, actor (*The Simpsons*), comedian and director
- September 6 – Jane Curtin, actress and comedian (*Saturday Night Live*, *3rd Rock from the Sun*)
- October 1 – Stephen Collins, actor (*7th Heaven*)
- October 17 – Michael McKean, actor and comedian (*Laverne & Shirley*)

- November 24 – Dwight Schultz, actor (*The A-Team*)
- November 25 – John Larroquette, actor (*Night Court*)
- December 11 – Teri Garr, actress and comedian (*[[]]*)
- December 29 – Ted Danson, actor (*Cheers*)

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External links[edit]

1948 in television

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Events[edit]

- February 9 - WLWT, Cincinnati, Ohio, begins commercial broadcasting, changing its call letters from experimental station W8XCT.[1]
- March 20 – Renowned Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini makes his television debut, conducting the NBC Symphony Orchestra in the U.S. in a program featuring the works of Richard Wagner.
- April 3 – Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 is played on television in its entirety for the first time in a concert featuring Toscanini conducting the NBC Symphony Orchestra. The chorus is conducted by Robert Shaw.
- June 21 – The first network telecast of political conventions from Philadelphia.
- July 29 – The BBC Television Service begins its coverage of the 1948 Olympic Games in London by broadcasting the opening ceremony. From now until the closing ceremony on August 14 the BBC will broadcast an average three and a half hours a day of live coverage from the Games, using a special coaxial cable linking the main venue at Wembley Stadium to the television service's base at Alexandra Palace. This is the most ambitious sustained outside broadcast yet attempted by the BBC, but is completed without serious problems.

- July 30 – Professional wrestling premieres during prime-time on the DuMont Network.
- August 15 – The first network nightly newscast, CBS-TV News, debuts on CBS with Douglas Edwards as journalist.
- August 25 – First-ever congressional hearing is televised: "Confrontation Day" between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)
- November 4 - Moscow TV facility adopted a new 625 line PAL television standard.
- November 29
  - Roller Derby is broadcast from NY on the CBS television network.
  - The television puppet show series *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* is transferred to the NBC Midwest Network.
- December 18 — WDSU TV channel 6, NBC affiliate, Becomes the first station in New Orleans and the State of Louisiana as well as the gulf coast of the United States.
- CBS begins network programming.
- ABC establishes its first television station in New York.
- Television manufacturing begins in Canada.
- Telecasts of the NBC Symphony Orchestra, begin until 1954.

Debuts[edit]

- January 5 – *Television Newsreel* (UK) is first shown on the BBC Television Service (1948–1954).
- April 18 - The ABC television network begins operation.[2]
- April 22 - WTVR-TV, Richmond, Virginia, begins broadcasting on Channel 6.[3] WTVR is the first TV station south of Washington, D.C., giving it the nickname "The South's first Television Station."
- June 8 – Milton Berle becomes the first United States television star with the debut of *Texaco Star Theater* (later *The Milton Berle Show*) broadcast by NBC (1948–1953).
- June 9 - WBZ-TV, Boston, Massachusetts, begins broadcasting on Channel 4.[4] WBZ is New England's first television station
- June 20 – *Toast of the Town*, a variety series hosted by Ed Sullivan, premieres on CBS, with guests Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (later renamed, *The Ed Sullivan Show*) (1948–1971).
- July 1 – Mark Goodson's first game series Winner Take All premieres on CBS (1948–1952).

- August 10 – *Candid Microphone* (renamed *Candid Camera* in 1949) debuts on ABC (1948 – present).
- September 29 - WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia, begins broadcasting on Channel 8.[5]
- November - *Super Circus* premieres (1948-49 locally on WENR, 1949-1956 nationwide)[6]
- *The Adventures of Oky Doky* premieres (1948–1949).
- *Amanda* (1948–1949).
- *The Bigelow Show* premieres (1948–1949).
- *Champagne and Orchids* (1948–1949).
- *Child's World* debuts (1948–1949).
- *Actors Studio* (1948–1950).
- *Cartoon Teletales* (1948–1950).
- *The Alan Dale Show* premieres (1948–1951).
- *Club Seven* (1948–1951).

Television programs[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Picture Page (UK)	October 8, 1936	1939
	1946	1952
Starlight (UK)	November 3, 1936	1939
	1946	1949
For The Children (UK)	April 24, 1937	1939
	July 7, 1946	1950

The Voice of Firestone Televues	1943	1947
	1949	1963
Missus Goes A Shopping	August 1, 1944	1949
The World in Your Home	1944	1948
Kaleidoscope (UK)	November 2, 1946	1953
Gillette Cavalcade of Sports	November 8, 1946	June 24, 1960
Muffin the Mule (UK)	1946	1955
Paging You (UK)	1946	1948
Television Screen Magazine	1946	1949
You Are an Artist	1946	1950
Doorway to Fame	May 2, 1947	July 4, 1949
Kraft Television Theater	May 7, 1947	1958
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Howdy Doody	December 27, 1947	September 24, 1960
Americana	1947	1949
Birthday Party	1947	1949
Café Continental (UK)	1947	1953
Charade Quiz	1947	1949
Eye Witness	1947	1948
Juvenile Jury	1947	1954
In the Kelvinator Kitchen	1947	1948
Musical Merry-Go-Round	1947	1949
Small Fry Club	1947	1951
Television Newsreel (UK)	January 5, 1948	1954
The Original Amateur Hour	January 18, 1948	September 27, 1970
Court of Current Issues	February 9, 1948	June 26, 1951
Stop Me If You've Heard This One	March 4, 1948	April 22, 1949
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Hollywood Screen Test	April 15, 1948	1953
Texaco Star Theater	June 8, 1948	1953
The Ed Sullivan Show	June 20, 1948	June 6, 1971
Candid Camera	August 10, 1948	—
CBS Evening News	August 15, 1948	—
Foodini the Great	August 23, 1948	June 23, 1951
Actors Studio	September 1948	June 1950
Champagne and Orchids	September 6, 1948	January 10, 1949
Stained Glass Windows	September 26, 1948	October 16, 1949
Ford Theatre	October 17, 1948	July 10, 1957
The Growing Paynes	October 20, 1948	August 3, 1949
The Adventures of Oky Doky	November 4, 1948	May 26, 1949
The Morey Amsterdam Show	December 17, 1948	October 12, 1950
The Alan Dale Show	1948	1951
Amanda	1948	1949

Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts	1948	January 1, 1958
The Bigelow Show	1948	1949
Break the Bank	1948	1957
Cartoon Teletales	1948	1950
Celebrity Time	1948	September 1952
Child's World	1948	1949
Club Seven	1948	1951
The Philco Television Playhouse	1948	1955
Winner Take All	1948	1952r

Programs ending during 1948[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
June 30	*In the Kelvinator Kitchen*	1947
Unknown	*Eye Witness*	
	The World in Your Home	1944

Births[edit]

- January 5 – Ted Lange, actor, director, *The Love Boat*

- January 14 – Carl Weathers, actor
- January 29
  - Cristina Saralegui, Cuban-American talk show host and actress
  - Marc Singer, Canadian actor
- February 22 – John Ashton, actor
- February 28
  - Bernadette Peters, actress and singer
  - Mercedes Ruehl, actress
- March 20 – John de Lancie, actor
- March 31 – Rhea Perlman, actress, *Cheers*
- April 12 – Jeremy Beadle, English presenter (died 2008)
- May 8 – Stephen Stohn, American-Canadian lawyer and producer
- June 2 – Jerry Mathers, actor *Leave It to Beaver*
- June 19 – Phylicia Rashad, actress, *The Cosby Show*
- July 28 – Sally Struthers, actress, *All in the Family*
- September 7 – Susan Blakely, actress
- September 13 – Nell Carter, actress, singer (died. 2003)
- September 17 – John Ritter, actor, comedian (died 2003)
- September 24 – Phil Hartman, Canadian actor, comedian (died 1998)
- September 27 – Michele Dotrice, English actress
- October 2 – Avery Brooks, actor, musician
- October 17 – George Wendt, actor, *Cheers*
- October 29 – Kate Jackson, actress
- November 1 – Anna Stuart, actress

- November 11 – Vincent Schiavelli, actor (died 2005)

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External links[edit]

1949 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 3: *Colgate Theatre* premieres on NBC.
- January 11: A two-hour special on all American networks celebrates the linking of the eastern and midwestern networks via coaxial cable.
- January 21: *Your Show Time* becomes the first filmed dramatic series on American network television.
- January 31: The first Emmy Awards are presented and broadcast on television from Los Angeles.
- May: The first telethon, benefitting the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, is hosted by Milton Berle and lasts for 24 hours.

- August 25: RCA announces the development of a compatible color TV system.
- December 17: The Sutton Coldfield television transmitter is opened in the English Midlands, making it the first part of the UK outside London to receive BBC Television.
- December 29: KC2XAK of Bridgeport, Connecticut becomes the first Ultra high frequency (UHF) television station to operate a daily schedule.
- First television broadcasts begin in Cuba.
- For the first time, the Sears & Roebuck catalog includes televisions.

Debuts[edit]

- January 17: *The Goldbergs*, a situation comedy, debuts on CBS (1949–55).
- March 21: WTVJ Signs on the air becoming the first television station in the state of Florida.
- May 5 : Series *Stop the Music* debuts on American Broadcasting Company for a five-year run over seven years.
- June 27: *Captain Video and His Video Rangers*, apparently the first science fiction series televised, debuts.
- July 15: *This Is Show Business*, panel discussion program, premieres on CBS (1949–54; 1956).
- September 29: *Come Dancing*, a ballroom dancing competition, is first broadcast by the BBC (1949–95).
- *Martin Kane, Private Eye* premieres on NBC, becoming the first detective series televised (1949–54).
- *The Voice of Firestone* premieres (1949–63).
- *Bozo the Clown* premieres (1949–present).
- *The Lone Ranger* premieres (1949–57).

Television shows[edit]

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CBS Evening News	August 15, 1948	—
Foodini the Great	August 23, 1948	June 23, 1951
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The Alan Dale Show	1948	1951

Amanda	1948	1949
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The Bigelow Show	1948	1949
Break the Bank	1948	1957
Cartoon Teletales	1948	1950
Celebrity Time	1948	September 1952
Child's World	1948	1949
Club Seven	1948	1951
The Philco Television Playhouse	1948	1955
Winner Take All	1948	1952
The Goldbergs	January 17, 1949	1956
These Are My Children	January 31, 1949	February 25, 1949
A Woman to Remember	February 21, 1949	July 15, 1949
Ripley's Believe It or Not!	March 1, 1949	October 5, 1950
Think Fast	March 26, 1949	October 8, 1950

Captain Video	June 27, 1949	April 1, 1955
Mama	July 1, 1949	March 17, 1957
Martin Kane, Private Eye	August 7, 1949	June 17, 1954
The Family Genius	September 1949	September 1949
The Little Revue	September 4, 1949	April 21, 1950
The Lone Ranger	September 15, 1949	June 6, 1957
Come Dancing (UK)	September 29, 1949	1995
The Aldrich Family	October 2, 1949	May 29, 1953
The Life of Riley	October 4, 1949	March 28, 1950
	January 2, 1953	August 22, 1958
Let There Be Stars	October 6, 1949	November 27, 1949
The Ruggles	November 3, 1949	June 19, 1952
One Man's Family	November 4, 1949	June 21, 1952
	March 1, 1954	April 1, 1955
The Admiral Broadway Revue	1949	1949

Arthur Godfrey and His Friends	1949	1959
Easy Aces	1949	1949
Follow That Man	1949	1956

Programs ending during 1949[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 10	*Champagne and Orchids*	1948
May 26	*The Adventures of Oky Doky*	
June 23	*King Cole's Birthday Party*	1947
	Charade Quiz	
July 4	*Americana*	
	Doorway to Fame	
Unknown	*Musical Merry-Go-Round*	
	Amanda	1948
	The Bigelow Show	
	Child's World	

	Missus Goes A-Shopping	1944
	Starlight (UK)	1946
	Television Screen Magazine	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Candid Camera	ABC	NBC

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 16	Caroline Munro	English actress and model
January 17	Andy Kaufman	actor and comedian (died 1984)
January 24	John Belushi	actor and comedian *Saturday Night Live* (died 1982)
February 2	Brent Spiner	actor
February 8	Brooke Adams	actress
February 9	Judith Light	

February 28	Ilene Graff	actress and singer
March 2	Gates McFadden	actress and choreographer
March 16	Erik Estrada	actor, *CHiPs*
	Victor Garber	Canadian actor and singer
March 17	Patrick Duffy	actor, *Dallas*
March 26	Vicki Lawrence	actress, comedian, *The Carol Burnett Show*, *Mama's Family*, etc.
April 14	John Shea	actor
April 20	Veronica Cartwright	English-born actress
April 23	Joyce DeWitt	actress, *Three's Company*
June 15	Jim Varney	actor and comedian (died 2000)
July 3	Jan Smithers	actress, *WKRP in Cincinnati*
August 23	Rick Springfield	Australian singer-songwriter and actor
	Shelley Long	actress, *Cheers*
September 16	Ed Begley, Jr.	actor
October 14	Katy Manning	English actress

November 6	Nigel Havers	English actor
December 2	Ron Raines	US actor
December 4	Pamela Stephenson	New Zealand actress and comedian
December 15	Don Johnson	actor, *Miami Vice*

1950 in television

The year **1950 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1950.

Events[edit]

- February – European Broadcasting Union (EBU) inaugurated.
- February 23 – First televised report of general election results in the United Kingdom.
- February 25 – *Your Show Of Shows* premieres on NBC (1950–1954).
- April 4 – The BBC Television (UK) aspect ratio changes from 5:4 to 4:3.
- May – Desilu Productions formed by Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball in the United States.
- July 26 – First television broadcast station in Mexico, XHTV, Mexico City on channel 4; Gonzalo Castellot Madrazo is the first announcer to appear.[1]
- September 18 – First television network in South America launches, PRF-TV on channel 3 in São Paulo, Brazil.
- September 30 – First BBC Television broadcast from an aircraft.
- October 10 – The US Federal Communications Commission approves CBS's color television system, effective November 20.

- The number of homes in the US that own a television set reaches one million.

New shows[edit]

- February 2 – *What's My Line (1950)* debuts on CBS (1950–1967).
- February 25 – *Your Show Of Shows* premieres on NBC (1950–1954).
- March 23 – *Beat the Clock* premieres on CBS (1950–1961).
- June 17 – October 12 – *Hawkins Falls* premieres on NBC (1951–1955).
- July 10 – *Your Hit Parade* premieres on NBC.
- July 11 – *Andy Pandy* premieres on the BBC (1950, 1970, 2002).
- September 6 - *Stars Over Hollywood* premieres on NBC. (1950-1951)[2]
- September 7 – The game show *Truth or Consequences* debuts (1950–1988).
- September 18 – *The Paul Winchell Show* debuts on NBC with the title *The Speidel Show.*
- October 4 - *Four Star Revue* debuts on NBC (1950–1953).[3]
- October 5 – The comedy quiz show *You Bet Your Life*, featuring Groucho Marx, premiers (1950–1961).
- October 12 – *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* debuts (1950–1958).
- October 28 – *The Jack Benny Show*, starring Jack Benny, premiers (1950–1965).
- *Cisco Kid* debuted, starring Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carrillo (1950–1956).

Television series[edit]

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The Ed Sullivan Show	June 20, 1948	June 6, 1971
Candid Camera	August 10, 1948	—
CBS Evening News	August 15, 1948	—
Foodini the Great	August 23, 1948	June 23, 1951
Actors Studio	September 1948	June 1950
Ford Theatre	October 17, 1948	July 10, 1957
The Morey Amsterdam Show	December 17, 1948	October 12, 1950
The Alan Dale Show	1948	1951
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Break the Bank	1948	1957
Cartoon Teletales	1948	1950
Celebrity Time	1948	September 1952
Club Seven	1948	1951
The Philco Television Playhouse	1948	1955
Winner Take All	1948	1952
The Goldbergs	January 17, 1949	1956
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Think Fast	March 26, 1949	October 8, 1950
Captain Video	June 27, 1949	April 1, 1955
Mama	July 1, 1949	March 17, 1957
Martin Kane, Private Eye	August 7, 1949	June 17, 1954
The Little Revue	September 4, 1949	April 21, 1950
The Lone Ranger	September 15, 1949	June 6, 1957
Come Dancing (UK)	September 29, 1949	1995

The Aldrich Family	October 2, 1949	May 29, 1953
The Life of Riley	October 4, 1949	March 28, 1950
	January 2, 1953	August 22, 1958
The Ruggles	November 3, 1949	June 19, 1952
One Man's Family	November 4, 1949	June 21, 1952
	March 1, 1954	April 1, 1955
Arthur Godfrey and His Friends	1949	1959
What's My Line?	February 2, 1950	1975
Your Show of Shows	February 25, 1950	June 5, 1954
Hawkins Falls	June 17, 1950	July 1, 1955
Your Hit Parade	July 10, 1950	1959
	1974	1974
Andy Pandy (UK)	July 11, 1950	1970
	2002	2005
Truth or Consequences	September 7, 1950	1988

You Bet Your Life	October 5, 1950	1961
The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show	October 12, 1950	1958
The Jack Benny Show	October 28, 1950	1965
The Adventures of Ellery Queen	1950	1959
	1975	1976
The Cisco Kid	1950	1956

Programs ending during 1950[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 11	*Mary Kay and Johnny*	1947
June 23	*Actors Studio*	1948
Unknown	*Cartoon Teletales*	
	For The Children (UK)	1946
	You Are an Artist	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

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<tr><td>January 23</td><td>Richard Dean Anderson</td><td>actor</td></tr>
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<tr><td>February 12</td><td>Michael Ironside</td><td>actor</td></tr>
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<tr><td>April 28</td><td>Jay Leno</td><td>comedian, talk show host</td></tr>
<tr><td>June 8</td><td>Kathy Baker</td><td>actress</td></tr>
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June 13	Belinda Bauer	Australian actress
September 7	Julie Kavner	actress *The Tracey Ullman Show*, *The Simpsons*
September 21	Bill Murray	actor, comedian, *Saturday Night Live*
October 3	Pamela Hensley	actress
October 5	Jeff Conaway	actor (died 2011)
October 17	Howard Rollins	actor (died 1996)
October 31	John Candy	Canadian comedian and actor (died 1994)
November 10	Jack Scalia	actor

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1951 in television

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Events[edit]

- March 22 – RCA introduces an eight-pound (3.6 kg) monochrome television camera with a 53-pound (24 kg) backpack transmitter, both operated by batteries. It is the first portable television camera.
- May 28 – Then US Supreme Court upholds the Federal Communications Commission's approval of the CBS color television system.
- June 25 – CBS presents its first commercial color telecast featuring Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, and Faye Emerson.
- June – RCA demonstrates its new electronic color system.
- August 11 – The first baseball game is televised in color, a double-header between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves.
- September 4 – The first live transcontinental television broadcast occurs in San Francisco, California from the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference.
- September 29
  - The first live sporting event broadcast coast-to-coast, a college football game between Duke University and the University of Pittsburgh, is televised by NBC.
  - CBS broadcasts the first American football game in color, between the University of California and the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.
- October 3 – The first live coast-to-coast network telecast of a World Series baseball game.
- October 12 – The Holme Moss transmitter is initiated in Northern England, making BBC Television available to the region for the first time.
- October 17 – Television broadcasts begin in Argentina from Primera Televisora Argentina on channel 7, Buenos Aires.
- October 20 – The CBS Eye logo makes its television debut.
- November 11 – Bing Crosby Enterprises demonstrates black-and-white video recording using a modified Ampex tape recorder.
- November 18 – Edward R. Murrow on *See It Now* presents a split screen view of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City and the Bay Bridge in San Francisco. It has erroneously been referred to as the first live transcontinental telecast.
- December – TV Tupi in São Paulo (Brazil) begins broadcasting *Sua Vida Me Pertence* ("Your Life Belongs To Me") starring Vida Alves, pioneering the telenovela genre.

- December 24 – The first televised opera composed for television, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti, is broadcast by NBC.
- Ernie Kovacs' *Time for Ernie* and *Ernie in Kovacsland* television series premiere. Kovacs explores the boundaries of television technology with his use of camera tricks and special effects.

Programs/programmes[edit]

Series	Debut	Ended
Picture Page (UK)	October 8, 1936	1939
	1946	1952
The Voice of Firestone Televues	1943	1947
	1949	1963
Kaleidoscope (UK)	November 2, 1946	1953
Gillette Cavalcade of Sports	November 8, 1946	June 24, 1960
Muffin the Mule (UK)	1946	1955
Kraft Television Theater	May 7, 1947	1958
Kukla, Fran and Ollie	October 13, 1947	1957
Meet the Press	November 6, 1947	—
Howdy Doody	December 27, 1947	September 24, 1960
Café Continental	1947	1953

Juvenile Jury	1947	1954
Small Fry Club	1947	1951
Television Newsreel (UK)	January 5, 1948	1954
The Original Amateur Hour	January 18, 1948	September 27, 1970
Court of Current Issues	February 9, 1948	June 26, 1951
Author Meets the Critics	April 1948	October 10, 1954
Hollywood Screen Test	April 15, 1948	1953
Texaco Star Theater	June 8, 1948	1953
The Ed Sullivan Show	June 20, 1948	June 6, 1971
Candid Camera	August 10, 1948	May 23, 2004
CBS Evening News	August 15, 1948	—
Foodini the Great	August 23, 1948	June 23, 1951
Ford Theatre	October 17, 1948	July 10, 1957
The Alan Dale Show	1948	1951

Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts	1948	January 1, 1958
Break the Bank	1948	1957
Celebrity Time	1948	September 1952
Club Seven	1948	1951
The Philco Television Playhouse	1948	1955
Winner Take All	1948	1952
The Goldbergs	January 17, 1949	1956
Captain Video	June 27, 1949	April 1, 1955
Mama	July 1, 1949	March 17, 1957
Martin Kane, Private Eye	August 7, 1949	June 17, 1954
The Lone Ranger	September 15, 1949	June 6, 1957
Come Dancing (UK)	September 29, 1949	1995
The Aldrich Family	October 2, 1949	May 29, 1953
	January 2, 1953	August 22, 1958
The Ruggles	November 3, 1949	June 19, 1952

One Man's Family	November 4, 1949	June 21, 1952
	March 1, 1954	April 1, 1955
Arthur Godfrey and His Friends	1949	1959

Debuts[edit]

- January 3 – *Dragnet*, crime drama, on NBC (1951–1959)
- March 3 – *Watch Mr. Wizard* on NBC (1951–1965)[1]
- June 16 – *Faye Emerson's Wonderful Town*, variety show, with Faye Emerson and Skitch Henderson, on CBS
- July 6 – *Front Page Detective* debuts on Dumont.[2]
- July 16 – A British version of the *What's My Line?*, game show, on BBC (Like its American counterpart, it became one of the top-rated programs for the rest of the decade and made a celebrity of its host, Eamonn Andrews)
- September 3 – The first long-running soap opera, *Search for Tomorrow*, on CBS (1951–1986)
- September 11 - *The Bill Goodwin Show*, a talk/variety program on NBC. (1951-1952)[3]
- September 24 – *Love of Life* on CBS (1951–1980)
- October 15 – Situation comedy *I Love Lucy*, starring Lucille Ball with her real-life husband, Desi Arnaz, on CBS (1951–1957); produced on film in front of a studio audience, using three film cameras, instead of being broadcast live, and making Ball the world's first major female television star
- Television version of *Amos & Andy* (1951–1953)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957), on NBC, starring Roy Rogers and Dale Evans
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)

Ending during 1951[edit]

Date	Show	Debut

January 16	*The Alan Dale Show*	1948
July 18	*Four Star Revue*[4]	Unknown
August 29	*Stars Over Hollywood*[2]	1950
Unknown	*Club Seven*	1948

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 7	Helen Worth	British actress (*Coronation Street*)
January 12	Kirstie Alley	Actress (*Cheers*)
	Rush Limbaugh	Radio talk show host & commentator
January 15	Charo	Actress, singer, guitarist
January 26	Walt Willey	Actor
February 15	Jane Seymour	Actress (*Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*)
February 16	William Katt	Actor (*The Greatest American Hero*)
February 23	Patricia Richardson	Actress (*Home Improvement*)
March 8	Deborah Harmon	Actress

March 17	Kurt Russell	Actor
March 19	Fred Berry	Actor (*What's Happening!!*) (d. 2003)
April 13	Peter Davison	Actor (*Doctor Who*)
April 21	Tony Danza	Actor (*Who's the Boss?*)
June 13	Richard Thomas	Actor (*The Waltons*)
June 27	Julia Duffy	Actress (*Newhart*)
July 12	Cheryl Ladd	Actress (*Charlie's Angels*)
July 17	Lucie Arnaz	Actress (*Here's Lucy*), daughter of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz
July 21	Robin Williams	Actor (*Mork & Mindy*) (d. 2014)
July 23	Edie McClurg	Actress (*The Hogan Family*)
July 24	Lynda Carter	Actress (*Wonder Woman*)
August 6	Catherine Hicks	Actress (Annie Camden on *7th Heaven*)
August 14	Carl Lumbly	Actor (*Cagney and Lacey*)
September 2	Mark Harmon	Actor (*NCIS*)
September 5	Michael Keaton	Actor

September 7	Julie Kavner	Actress (Marge on *The Simpsons*)
September 12	Joe Pantoliano	Actor
October 18	Pam Dawber	Actress (*Mork & Mindy*)
October 30	Harry Hamlin	Actor (*L.A. Law*)
November 6	Nigel Havers	English actor (*Don't Wait Up*)
November 9	Lou Ferrigno	Actor (*The Incredible Hulk*)
December 1	Treat Williams	Actor (*Everwood*)
December 4	Patricia Wettig	Actress (*Brothers & Sisters*)
December 5	Morgan Brittany	Actress (*Dallas*)

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1952 in television

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Events[edit]

- February 15 – The funeral of King George VI is televised in the UK.
- March 14 – TV Paulista, a first television station in Brazil, officially launched in Sao Paulo, that incorporate into Rede Globo Television on March 1965.[citation needed]
- July 7 - Turkey's first television station was opened ITU TV.
- July 20 – *Arrow to the Heart*, the first collaboration between director Rudolph Cartier and scriptwriter Nigel Kneale, is broadcast by BBC Television.
- August 1 – First TV broadcast in the Dominican Republic by La Voz Dominicana, a TV station based on the radio station of the same name.
- September 6 – Television debuts in Canada with the initiation of CBFT in Montreal, Quebec.
- September 8 – CBLT in Toronto, Ontario begins broadcasting as Canada's second TV station.
- September 20 – The first commercial Ultra High Frequency (UHF) television station in the world, KPTV (now a Fox company affiliate), begins broadcasting in Portland, Oregon on channel 27.
- October 7 – WFIL-TV Philadelphia's afternoon series *Bandstand*, which will become **American Bandstand**, changes emphasis to teens dancing to popular records
- November 16 – CBS Television City in Hollywood, California opens.
- The first political advertisements appear on US television. Democrats buy a 30-minute time segment for their candidate, Adlai Stevenson. Stevenson receives unfavorable mail for interfering with a broadcast of *I Love Lucy*. Dwight Eisenhower buys 20 second commercial segments and wins the election.
- The first telecast of an atomic bomb detonation (KTLA).
- The U.S. Federal Communications Commission reserved channels for non-commercial, public broadcasting.
- There were approximately 146,000 television sets in Canada and most antennas were pointed towards WBEN-TV (now WIVB) in Buffalo, New York.
- The first telecast of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is broadcast by CBS.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *Amos & Andy* (1951–1953)
- *Author Meets the Critics* (1947–1954)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1948–present)
- *Café Continental* (UK) (1947–1953)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Cisco Kid* (1950–1956)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hawkins Falls* (1950, 1951–1955)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Juvenile Jury* (1947–1954)
- *Kaleidoscope* (UK) (1946–1953)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)
- *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* (1947–1957)
- *Life with Elizabeth* (1952–1955)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Martin Kane, Private Eye* (1949–1954)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Muffin the Mule* (UK) (1946–1955)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)

- *Television Newsreel* (UK) (1948–1954)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Goldbergs* (1949–1955)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957)
- *The Texaco Star Theater* (1948–1953)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)
- *Your Show of Shows* (1950–1954)

Debuts[edit]

- January 14 – *The Today Show* on NBC (1952–present)[1]
- March 1 – *Death Valley Days* in syndication (1952–1975)
- June 19 – *I've Got a Secret* on CBS (1952–1967)
- June 30 – the soap opera *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009) on CBS, which began on radio in 1937, becoming the longest-running regularly scheduled drama in television history
- September – the religious drama *This Is the Life* on DuMont, and ran until the late 1980s
- September 19 – *Adventures of Superman* in syndication (1952–1958)
- October 26 – *Victory at Sea* (1952–1953) on NBC, one of the first historic documentary series
- November 1 – *Hockey Night in Canada* on CBC (1952–present)
- November 6 – *Biff Baker, U.S.A.* on CBS (1952–1953)
- November 8 – *My Hero* on NBC (1952–1953)

- December 1 – *The Abbott and Costello Show* in syndication (1952–1954)
- December 15 – *Flower Pot Men* on BBC Television (1952)
- *American Bandstand*, originally called *Bandstand*, as a local program in Philadelphia (1952–1989)
- *Life Is Worth Living* with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen on DuMont (1952–1955), then on ABC (1955–1957)
- *My Little Margie* (1952–1955), starring Gale Storm
- *See It Now* hosted by Edward R. Murrow
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* on ABC (1952–1966)
- *The Ernie Kovacs Show*, where Kovacs explores the boundaries of television technology with his use of special effects (1952–1953)
- *Meet the Masters*, a program about classical music, on NBC and WGN-TV
- *This Is Your Life* in the U.S. (1952–1961)
- *Life with Elizabeth*, a sitcom featuring Betty White (1952–1955)

Ending during 1952[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 27	*The Bill Goodwin Show*	1951
April 11	*Faye Emerson's Wonderful Town*	1951
April 24	*Stop the Music*	1949
Unknown	*Picture Page* (UK)	1946

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

September 25	Christopher Reeve	Actor (d. 2004)
October 9	Sharon Osbourne	TV personality (*The Osbournes*, *The Talk*)
October 28	Annie Potts	Actress (*Designing Women*)
November 3	Roseanne Barr	Actress (*Roseanne*), comedian
November 8	Alfre Woodard	Actress
December 9	Michael Dorn	Actor (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*)
December 12	Sarah Douglas	Actress (*Falcon Crest*)

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1953 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 19 – 68% of all U.S. television sets are tuned in to *I Love Lucy* to watch Lucy give birth to little Ricky.
- February 1
  - Japanese television begins when JOAK-TV begins broadcasting from Tokyo.
  - General Electric Theater airs for the first time on CBS.

- February 18 – Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz sign an $8,000,000 contract to continue the *I Love Lucy* television series through 1955.

- February 26 – Fulton Sheen, on his program *Life Is Worth Living*, reads Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, with the names of high-ranking Soviet officials replacing the main characters. At the end of the reading, Sheen intones that "Stalin must one day meet his judgment". Stalin dies one week later.

- March 17 – Patrick Troughton becomes television's first Robin Hood, playing the eponymous folk hero in the first of six half-hour episodes of *Robin Hood*, shown weekly until April 21 on the BBC Television Service.

- March 25 – CBS concedes victory to RCA in the war over color television standards.

- April 3 – *TV Guide* is published for the first time in the United States, with 10 editions and a circulation of 1,562,000.

- May 25 – KUHT in Houston becomes the first non-commercial educational TV station.

- June 2 – The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II is televised from London. Sales of TV sets in the United Kingdom rise sharply in the weeks leading up to the event. It is also one of the earliest broadcasts to be deliberately recorded for posterity and still exists in its entirety. More than twenty million viewers around the world watch the coverage;[1] to ensure Canadians could see it on the same day, British Royal Air Force Canberras fly film of the ceremony across the Atlantic Ocean to be broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation,[2] the first non-stop flight between the United Kingdom and the Canadian mainland. In Goose Bay, Labrador, the film is transferred to a Royal Canadian Air Force CF-100 jet fighter for the further trip to Montreal. In all, three such voyages are made as the coronation proceeds.[3]

- July 18 – *The Quatermass Experiment*, first of the famous *Quatermass* science-fiction serials by Nigel Kneale, begins its run on the BBC.

- *The Tonight Show* begins as a local New York variety show, originally titled *The Knickerbocker Beer Show*.

- August 30 – NBC's *Kukla, Fran, and Ollie* is the first publicly announced experimental broadcast of a program in RCA compatible color.

- October 18 – A live television adaptation of the Shakespeare play *King Lear* starring Orson Welles is aired on CBS as part of the *Omnibus* series.

- October 19 – Arthur Godfrey dismisses Julius La Rosa on the air.

- October 23 – Alto Broadcasting System of the Philippines makes the first television broadcast in Southeast Asia through DZAQ-TV. Alto Broadcasting System is the predecessor of what is now ABS-CBN Corporation.

- November 22 – RCA airs (with special permission from the FCC) the first commercial color program in compatible color, *The Colgate Comedy Hour with Donald O'Connor*.

- December 2 – BBC broadcasts its 'Television Symbol' for the first time, the first animated television presentation symbol.
- December 17 – The FCC reverses its 1951 decision and approves the RCA/NTSC color system.
- December 24 – *Dragnet* becomes the first filmed drama to be televised in color each year as a network television program. However, only this one episode, entitled "The Big Little Jesus", is filmed in color during the 1950s; the show returns in the late 1960s in color.

Programs/programmes[edit]

Series on the air in 1953[edit]

- *Adventures of Superman* (1952–1958)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Author Meets the Critics* (1947–1954)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–)
- *Cisco Kid* (1950–1956)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Death Valley Days* (1952–1975)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–)
- *Hawkins Falls* (1950, 1951–1955))
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Juvenile Jury* (1947–1954)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)

- *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* (1947–1957)
- *Life is Worth Living* (1952–1957)
- *Life with Elizabeth* (1952–1955)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Martin Kane, Private Eye* (1949–1954)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–)
- *Muffin the Mule* (1946–1955)
- *My Little Margie* (1952–1955)
- *Omnibus* (1952–1961)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Television Newsreel* (UK) (1948–1954)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Goldbergs* (1949–1955)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957)
- *The Texaco Star Theater* (1948–1953); the show was renamed Buick-Berle Show this year (1953–1954)
- *The Today Show* (1952–)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (U.S.; 1952–1961)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)

- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)
- *Your Show of Shows* (1950–1954)

Debuts[edit]

- February 10 – *Romper Room* (1953–1994)
- June 20 – *Bank on the Stars* on CBS (1953), then NBC (1954)
- July 20 – *The Good Old Days* on BBC Television (1953–1983)
- August 18 - *Judge for Yourself* with Fred Allen on NBC (1953–1954)
- September 13 – *Jukebox Jury* on ABC (1953–1954)
- September 29 – *Make Room For Daddy* with Danny Thomas on CBS (1953–1964)
- October 2 – *The Pepsi-Cola Playhouse*, an anthology series, *The Comeback Story*, a reality show, and *The Pride of the Family*, a situation comedy, all on ABC
- October 5 – *Of Many Things*, panel discussion show with Dr. Bergen Evans on ABC (1953–1954)
- October 8 – *Where's Raymond?,* starring Ray Bolger on ABC (in season 2, it is known as *The Ray Milland Show*) (1953–1955)
- November 11
  - The current affairs series *Panorama* on BBC Television; now the longest-running program on British television
  - The public affairs series *Answers for Americans* on ABC
- December 1 – *CBC Theatre* on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation [later known as *General Motors Theatre* (1954–1956) and *General Motors Presents* (1958–1961)]
- *Place the Face*, with principal host Bill Cullen, on CBS (1953–1954); then transferred to NBC (1954–1955)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 26	*Biff Baker, U.S.A.*	1952

April	*The Amos 'n Andy Show*	1951
	The Ernie Kovacs Show	1952
May 3	*Victory at Sea*	
June 26	*Kaleidoscope* (UK)	1946
November 13	*Front Page Detective*	1951[4]
December 26	*Bonino*	1953
Unknown	*Café Continental* (UK)	1947
	Leave It to Larry	1952

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	Pamela Sue Martin	Actress (*Nancy Drew Mysteries*)
January 20	Colleen Zenk	Actress (*As the World Turns*)
January 29	Lynne McGranger	Actress (*Home and Away*)
February 11	Philip Anglim	Actor

February 12	Joanna Kerns	Actress (*Growing Pains*)
March 4	Kay Lenz	Actress (*Reasonable Doubts*)
March 6	Jacklyn Zeman	Actress (*General Hospital*)
April 19	Ruby Wax	Comedic actress (*Absolutely Fabulous*)
May 6	Lynn Whitfield	Actress (*Without a Trace*)
May 30	Colm Meaney	Actor (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*)
June 13	Tim Allen	Actor (*Home Improvement*, *Last Man Standing*)
August 11	Hulk Hogan	Wrestler (*Hogan Knows Best*)
August 16	Kathie Lee Gifford	Singer and talk show co-host (*Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*)
October 9	Tony Shalhoub	Actor (Adrian Monk in *Monk*)
October 27	Robert Picardo	Actor (*Star Trek: Voyager*)
October 31	Michael J. Anderson	Actor (*Twin Peaks*)
November 3	Dennis Miller	Talk show host, commentator, comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
November 19	Robert Beltran	Actor (Commander Chakotay on *Star Trek: Voyager*)
December	Bill Pullman	Actor

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December 30	Meredith Vieira	Journalist, talk show host, game show host (*Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*)
December 31	James Remar	Actor (*The Huntress*)

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1954 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 1 – NBC broadcasts the Rose Parade from Pasadena, California in NTSC color. The broadcast uses a new mobile color TV studio(truck) and the program is carried across the continent on 21 stations. RCA strategically places Color TV sets in public viewing areas such as hotel lobbies because the first sets only become available to the public in the spring.

- January 3 – RAI launched in Italy.

- January 10 – CBMT opens in Montreal, making that city the first in Canada to have 2 stations operating. The new station uses the English language, leaving CBFT to continue entirely in French.

- January 11 – The first weather forecast with an in-vision presenter is televised in the UK.

- March 28 – WKAQ-TV became the first television station in Puerto Rico.
- April – The American Broadcasting Company broadcasts the Army-McCarthy hearings live and in their entirety.
- May 1 – WAPA-TV became the second television station in Puerto Rico.
- May 17 – May 23 – One week (the so-called "Sandrewsveckan" or "Sandrews week") of experimental television broadcasts are aired in Sweden, the first such programs in the country.
- June 5 – The last new episode of the comic variety program, *Your Show of Shows*, airs.
- June 13 – First television broadcast begins in Colombia.
- July 5 – First actual news bulletin, *News and Newsreel*, aired on BBC Television, replacing *Television Newsreel*.
- September 11 – The Miss America Beauty Contest airs for the first time on national television in the United States. 27 million viewers watched as Lee Ann Meriwether won the title. Meriwether would later become a television actress, co-starring in *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980).
- October 2 – *The Jimmy Durante Show* premieres on NBC (1954–1956).
- October 29 – Sveriges Radio begins broadcasting TV in Sweden and apart from news and a weather forecast, the first Swedish TV programme is "En skål för televisionen" ("A Toast to Television") led by Lennart Hyland. For the first few months (until spring 1955), Swedish TV is broadcast one evening a week and for about an hour each time.
- November 3 – Disney's *Alice in Wonderland* airs on ABC.
- November 19 – TMC Monte Carlo launched in Monaco is the first Microstate Television
- December 12 – BBC Television broadcasts its famous, and controversial, adaptation of George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.
- The Television Act 1954 authorises setting up the infrastructure for British commercial television.
- The British Academy Television Awards, the most prestigious awards of the British television industry, are first awarded.
- The RCA CT-100 and Westinghouse 15" color sets hit the market. Neither are big sellers.

Programs/programmes[edit]

Series on the air in 1954[edit]

- *Adventures of Superman* (1952–1958)

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Buick-Berle Show* (1953–1954); the show was renamed *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967) this year
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Cisco Kid* (1950–1956)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Death Valley Days* (1952–1975)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *General Motors Theatre* (Can) (1953–1956, 1958–1961)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hawkins Falls* (1950, 1951–1955))
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)
- *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* (1947–1957)
- *Life is Worth Living* (1952–1957)
- *Life with Elizabeth* (1952–1955)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Muffin the Mule* (1946–1955)
- *My Little Margie* (1952–1955)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)

- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Goldbergs* (1949–1955)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Where's Raymond?* or *The Ray Bolger Show* (1953–1955)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)

Debuts[edit]

- January 1 – *Annie Oakley* (1954–1957)
- January 4 – *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- January 23 – *Stories of the Century* (1954–1955)
- February 1 - *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- March 11 – *The Public Defender* on CBS (1954–1955)
- April 2 – *The Grove Family*, on BBC Television (1954–1957); generally considered the first British TV soap opera
- April 8 – *Justice* on NBC (1954–1956)

- April 18 – *The Martha Wright Show* on ABC
- April 26 – *The Tony Martin Show* on NBC
- August 5 – *So You Want to Lead a Band* on ABC (1954–1955)
- August 28 – *The Mickey Rooney Show: Hey, Mulligan* on NBC (1954–1955)
- September 7
  - *Stop the Music* premiered for the second time on ABC after a two-year hiatus
  - *It's a Great Life* on NBC (1954–1956)
- September 12 – *Lassie* on CBS (1954–1973)
- September 18 – *Willy* starring June Havoc on CBS (1954–1955)
- September 27 – *The Tonight Show* on the NBC (1954–present)
- October 2
  - *The Imogene Coca Show* on NBC (1954–1955)
  - *The Jimmy Durante Show* on NBC (1954–1956)
- October 7 – *The Mail Story*, subtitled *Handle with Care*, on ABC (1954)
- October 14 – *Flash Gordon* (1954–1955), starring Steve Holland
- October 15 – *The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin* on ABC (1954–1959)
- October 21 – The CBS anthology series, *Climax!* (1954–1958) airs an adaptation of Ian Fleming's novel, *Casino Royale*, starring Barry Nelson as an Americanized version of spy James Bond; the first dramatic adaptation of a Bond novel
- October 27 – The Walt Disney anthology series debuts as *Disneyland* (1954–present; as *Disneyland* 1954–1958)
- November 13 – *Fabian of the Yard*, the first British TV police procedural, debuts on BBC (1954–1956)
- December 21 – *Zoo Quest* on BBC Television (1954–1964)
- *Face the Nation* on CBS (1954–present)
- *The Jo Stafford Show*, a 15-minute primetime variety series, on CBS (1954–1955)

- *The National* premieres as *The National News* on CBC (1954–present)
- *That's My Boy* on CBS

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 11	*Of Many Things*	1953
February 5	*The Comeback Story*	
February 24	*Answers for Americans*	
March 9	*This Is Show Business*	1949
March 28	*Jukebox Jury*	1953
May 11	*Judge for Yourself*	
June 5	*Your Show of Shows*	1950
June 17	*Martin Kane, Private Eye*	1949
July 2	*The Pride of the Family*	1953
	Television Newsreel (UK)	1948
August 1	*Juvenile Jury*	1947
August 2	*The Dennis Day Show*	1953

August 21	*Bank on the Stars*	
October 10	*Author Meets the Critics*	1947
November 20	*The Paul Winchell Show*	1950
December 5	*The Martha Wright Show*	1954
December 26	*Rocky King Detective*	1950
December 30	*The Mail Story*	1947

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 12	Howard Stern	Radio and TV personality (*America's Got Talent*)
January 19	Katey Sagal	Actress and singer (*Married... with Children*)
January 29	Oprah Winfrey	Actress and talk-show host (*The Oprah Winfrey Show*)
January 27	Ed Schultz	Talk show host and sportscaster
February 1	Bill Mumy	Actor and musician (*Lost in Space*)
February 2	Christie Brinkley	Model and actress
February 15	Matt Groening	Creator of *The Simpsons* and *Futurama*

February 17	Rene Russo	Actress
February 18	John Travolta	Actor (*Welcome Back, Kotter*)
March 1	Catherine Bach	Actress (Daisy Duke on *The Dukes of Hazzard*)
	Ron Howard	Actor and director (Opie Taylor on *The Andy Griffith Show*, Richie Cunningham on *Happy Days*) and director
March 15	Craig Wasson	Actor ('One Life to Live*)*
March 17	Lesley-Anne Down	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*)
March 24	Donna Pescow	Actress and director
	Robert Carradine	Actor (*Lizzie McGuire*)
April 29	Jerry Seinfeld	Actor and comedian (*Seinfeld*)
June 15	James Belushi	Actor (*According to Jim*)
June 22	Chris Lemmon	Actor (*Duet*)
	Freddie Prinze	Actor and comedian (*Chico and the Man*) (d. 1977)
June 24	Richard Newman	Voice actor
June 28	Alice Krige	Actress

August 12	Sam J. Jones	Actor
September 8	Anne Diamond	Television presenter (*The Wright Stuff*)
September 30	Barry Williams	Actor (*The Brady Bunch*)
October 9	Scott Bakula	Actor (*Quantum Leap*, *NCIS: New Orleans*)
November 12	Rhonda Shear	TV personality, actress
December 4	Tony Todd	Actor and producer
December 28	Denzel Washington	Actor (*St. Elsewhere*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
September 28	Bert Lytell	69	Actor (*One Man's Family*, 1949–52, 1954)

1955 in television

The year **1955 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1955.

Events[edit]



Elvis in *Jailhouse Rock* (1957)

- March 5 – Elvis Presley appears on television for the first time. The program is *Louisiana Hayride*, televised locally in Shreveport, Louisiana.
- April 1 – The DuMont Television Network in the United States drastically decreases its programming; just eight series keep the network operating, preparing for its eventual shutdown sixteen months later.
- May 9
  - Harpo Marx makes a memorable appearance on *I Love Lucy* in the U.S.
  - Jim Henson's puppet show *Sam and Friends* first airs on WRC-TV in Washington, D.C.
- June 7 – The quiz show craze begins with the premiere of *The 64,000 Dollar Question* in the U.S. The series spawns many imitations, including *Twenty One* the next year, which will later be the focus of a quiz show scandal that results in congressional hearings.
- September 22 – Commercial television starts in the United Kingdom with the Independent Television Authority's first ITV franchise beginning broadcasting in London – Associated-Rediffusion on weekdays, ATV during weekends, ending the previous BBC monopoly. The rest of the UK receives its regional ITV franchises during the next seven years. The first advertisement shown is for Gibbs SR toothpaste.
- September 28 – World Series baseball is broadcast in color for the first time in the U.S.
- December 10 – The first Saturday morning cartoon series debuts on U.S. television, *The Mighty Mouse Playhouse* on CBS.
- December 24 – The Lennon Sisters make their television debut on *The Lawrence Welk Show* on ABC in the U.S.
- December 25 – After being broadcast by radio since 1932, the Royal Christmas Message is broadcast on British television for the first time, in sound only at 3.00pm on both television channels, live from Sandringham House. The first visual Christmas message is shown in 1957.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *Adventures of Superman* (1952–1958)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Annie Oakley* (1954–1957)
- *Aubrey and Gus* (1955–1956)
- *Beau temps, mauvais temps* (1955–1958)
- *Bim Bam Boom* (1955–1956)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Cap-aux-sorciers* (1955–1958)
- *Cisco Kid* (1950–1956)
- *Climax!* (1954–1958)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Country Canada* (1955–2007)
- *Cross-Canada Hit Parade* (1955–1960)
- *Death Valley Days* (1952–1975)
- *Disneyland* (1954–1958)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- "Father Knows Best" (1954-1960)
- *General Motors Theatre* (Can) (1953–1956, 1958–1961)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)

- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Junior Magazine* (1955–1962)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)
- *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* (1947–1957)
- *Life is Worth Living* (1952–1957)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Maggie Muggins* (1955–1962)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Musical Chairs* (1955) – game show hosted by Bill Leyden
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Talent Varieties* (1955) – country music variety show
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- "The Danny Thomas Show" (1953-1964)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Goldbergs* (1949–1956)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Grove Family* (UK) (1954–1957)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–present)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Jimmy Durante Show* (1954–1956)

- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Debuts[edit]

- January 2 – *The Bob Cummings Show* on NBC (1955–1959)
- January 15 – *The Benny Hill Show* (UK) on BBC Television (later moving to ITV; 1955–1989)
- January 22 – *Ozark Jubilee*, the first popular country music series on American network television, on ABC (1955–1960), featuring Red Foley
- June 25 – *The Soldiers*, an 11-episode live military comedy, aired on NBC through September 3.
- June 28 – *Talent Varieties* on ABC through November 1
- June 29 – *Life With The Lyons* (UK), one of the first successful British sitcoms (though starring an American, Ben Lyon), on BBC Television (1955–1960)
- July 2 – *The Lawrence Welk Show* on ABC (1955–1982)
- July 9 – *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) on BBC Television (1955–1976)
- July 20 – *Frankie Laine Time* on CBS (1955–1956)
- July 29 – *This Is Your Life* (UK) on BBC Television (1955–2003)
- September 10

- *Gunsmoke* on CBS (1955–1975)
- *It's Always Jan*, starring Janis Paige, on CBS (1955–1956)

- September 12 – *Medical Horizons* on ABC (1955–1956)
- September 20 – *Cheyenne* on ABC (1955–1962)
- September 26 – *Jungle Jim* in syndication (1955–1956)
- September 28 – *Brave Eagle* on CBS (1955–1956)
- October 1 – *The Honeymooners* on CBS, starring Jackie Gleason (1955–1956)
- October 2 – *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* on CBS (1955–1962)
- October 3
  - *Captain Kangaroo* on CBS (1955–1984)
  - *Mickey Mouse Club* on ABC, featuring "Mouseketeer" Annette Funicello (1955–1959)
- October 20 – *Wanted*, a crime documentary on CBS (only ran for three months) (1955–1956)
- October 22 – *Quatermass II* (UK), sequel to 1953's *The Quatermass Experiment*, on BBC Television (ends on November 26)
- October 31 – *Matinee Theatre* on NBC, a five-days-a-week live dramatic anthology, with most of the plays in the series broadcast in color (lasted until 1958)

Programs ending[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 27	*So You Want to Lead a Band*	1954
March 11	*Stories of the Century*	
April 22	*The Ray Bolger Show*	1953
June 4	*The Mickey Rooney Show: Hey,*	1954

	Mulligan	
June 16	*Willy*	
June 23	*The Public Defender*	
June 25	*The Imogene Coca Show*	
June 26	*The Pepsi-Cola Playhouse*	1953
July 1	*Hawkins Falls*	1951
July 15	*Flash Gordon*	1954
July 26	*Who Said That?*	1948
August 24	*My Little Margie*	1952
September 1	*Life with Elizabeth*	
September 13	*Place the Face*	1953
September 17	*Musical Chairs*	1955
Unknown	*Frankie Laine Time*	
	Muffin the Mule (UK)	1946
	The Jo Stafford Show	1954

	That's My Boy	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 6	Rowan Atkinson	Comic actor (Mr. Bean)
January 9	J. K. Simmons	Actor (*The Closer*)
February 7	Miguel Ferrer	Actor (*Crossing Jordan*)
February 15	Christopher McDonald	Actor (*Family Law*)
February 21	Kelsey Grammer	Actor (*Cheers*, *Frasier*)
March 17	Gary Sinise	Actor, producer, director (*CSI: NY*),
March 29	Marina Sirtis	Actress (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*)
April 29	Kate Mulgrew	Actress (*Star Trek: Voyager*)
May 17	Bill Paxton	Actor (*Twister*)
May 25	Connie Sellecca	Actress (*Hotel*)
June 2	Dana Carvey	Comic actor (*Saturday Night Live*)

June 8	Griffin Dunne	Actor and director
June 10	Andrew Stevens	Actor (*Dallas*), producer, director
June 16	Laurie Metcalf	Actress (*Roseanne*)
June 21	Leigh McCloskey	Actor (*Dallas*)
July 9	Jimmy Smits	Actor (*L.A. Law*)
August 7	Wayne Knight	Comic actor (*3rd Rock from the Sun*)
August 14	Gillian Taylforth	English actress (*EastEnders*)
August 27	Diana Scarwid	Actress
October 15	Tanya Roberts	Actress (*Charlie's Angels*)
November 13	Whoopi Goldberg	Actress, comedian, talk-show host (*The View*)
December 3	Melody Anderson	Actress
	Steven Culp	Actor (*Desperate Housewives*)

1956 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 25–February 5 – The 1956 Winter Olympics in Italy are the first to be broadcast to an international Audience. The Soviet Union used its technological influence to broadcast the Cortina Winter Games to a western audience, from a communist point of view.
- January 28 – Elvis Presley makes his national television debut on CBS on the program *Stage Show*, the first of six appearances on the series.
- February 14 – Television broadcasting begins in Azerbaijan which was then the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic.
- February 17 – The English Midlands becomes the first part of the UK outside London to receive Independent Television (ITV), when the Associated Television Network (as ATV Midlands) begins broadcasting their weekday franchise. The weekend franchise, Associated British Corporation (ABC), begins operation a day later.
- February – U.M. & M. TV Corporation acquires the pre-October 1950 Paramount Pictures cartoons and theatrical shorts, except for the Popeye and Superman cartoons.
- April 2 – *As the World Turns* and *The Edge of Night* premiere on CBS as the first half-hour American soap operas. Previously, all soap operas had been just fifteen minutes in length.
- April 3 – Elvis Presley appears on *The Milton Berle Show*.
- April – WNBQ (now WMAQ-TV) in Chicago becomes the first TV station to broadcast all its local programming in color.
- April 14 – Ampex company demonstrates a videotape recorder at the 1956 NARTB (now National Association of Broadcasters) convention in Chicago, Illinois. It was the demonstration of the first practical and commercially successful videotape format known as 2" Quadruplex. The three networks place orders for the recorders.
- April – US Senator Estes Kefauver holds congressional hearings on the rising rates of juvenile crime and publishes an article in Reader's Digest named "Let's Get Rid of Tele-Violence."
- May 3 – Granada Television begins broadcasting, extending ITV's coverage to Northern England. Associated British Corporation's weekend franchise begins operation two days later.
- May 6 – Elvis Presley appears on *The Milton Berle Show*.
- May 25 – The first Eurovision Song Contest is held in Lugano, Switzerland. It is primarily a radio program at this stage, as few Europeans can afford TV sets.
- July 1 – Elvis Presley appears on *The Steve Allen Show*.
- August 6 – Final telecast of the DuMont Network. The US would not have a fourth major network until the launch of the Fox network in 1986.

- September – NBC introduces a still version of its *peacock* color logo.
- September 4 – Television broadcasting begins in Sweden.
- September 9 – Elvis Presley appears on *The Ed Sullivan Show* for the first time.
- September 15 – Gabriel J. Fontana wins a record $64,000 from the Super Bonus Stunt on *Beat The Clock.*
- September 16 – TCN-9 Sydney becomes the first Australian TV station to begin regular transmission.
- October 1 – Ernie Kovacs becomes the host for NBC's *The Tonight Show* on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- October 28 – La 1, a channel for Television Espanola (TVE), first regular service start in Madrid, Spain.[*citation needed*]
- October 29
    - First use of videotape in network television programming; CBS uses its Ampex VTR to record the evening news, anchored by Douglas Edwards. The tape is then fed to West Coast stations three hours later.
    - Chet Huntley and David Brinkley take over anchor duties of the NBC evening newscast, which is renamed *The Huntley-Brinkley Report*.
- November 3 – The 1939 MGM movie *The Wizard of Oz* is shown on television for the first time in the USA, by CBS (the viewing audience was estimated at 45 million people).
- November 5 – The Australian Broadcasting Corporation makes its first TV broadcast from its Sydney studios. It is inaugurated by then-Prime Minister Robert Menzies.
- November 19 – The Australian Broadcasting Corporation begins broadcast in Melbourne. Along with its Sydney counterpart, they air the 1956 Summer Olympics.
- November – The first use of videotape for a network television entertainment program. Jonathan Winters uses videotape and superimposing techniques to be able to play two characters in the same skit for his NBC television show.
- Television broadcasting begins in Spain and Uruguay.
- Black-and-white portable TV sets are first marketed.
- December 31 – Former Game series host Bob Barker makes his national TV debut on the program *Truth or Consequences*.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *Adventures of Superman* (1952–1958)
- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Annie Oakley* (1954–1957)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962)
- *Climax!* (1954–1958)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Disneyland* (1954–1958)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *General Motors Theatre* (Can) (1953–1956, 1958–1961)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)
- *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* (1947–1957)
- *Life is Worth Living* (1952–1957)

- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mickey Mouse Club* (1955–1959)
- *Ozark Jubilee* (1955–1960)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1972)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Grove Family* (UK) (1954–1957)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–1957)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–1964, 1969–2003)
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)

- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Debuts[edit]

- January 3 – *Queen for a Day* (1956–1964)
- February 10 – *My Friend Flicka* (1956–1958)
- April 2
  - *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
  - *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- April 26 – *The Eddy Arnold Show* on America's ABC
- July 6 – *Hancock's Half Hour*, broadcast by BBC Television (1956–1962)
- July 7 – *High Finance*, hosted by Dennis James, on CBS (1956)
- July 8 – The drama series *Armchair Theatre*, produced by ABC Television for the ITV network, begins its long run in the UK (1956–1968)
- September 7 – *The Adventures of Jim Bowie* on ABC (1956–1958)
- September 8 – *Hey, Jeannie!* starring Jeannie Carson on CBS (1956–57, then 1958 in syndication)
- September 15 – *The Adventures of Sir Lancelot* (UK) on ITV (After being sold to the NBC network in the United States, it later becomes the first British television series ever to be made in colour) (1956–57)
- September 18 – *Noah's Ark*, featuring Paul Burke debuts on NBC (1956–1957)
- September 25 – *State Trooper* featuring Rod Cameron premieres in syndication (1956–1959)
- September 29 – *The Gale Storm Show* premieres on CBS (1956–1960)
- October 4 – In the USA
  - *Playhouse 90* (1956–1961)
  - *The Ford Show*, "Starring Tennessee Ernie Ford" (1956–1961)

- October 27 – *Accent on Strings* (1956, Sydney Australia, debuts on the first "official" day of television in Australia)
- October 29 – *Fun Farm* (1956–1957, first Australian-produced children's television series)
- November 9
  - *The Isador Goodman Show* (1956–1957, Melbourne Australia)
  - *Stairway to the Stars* (1956–1958, Melbourne Australia)
- November 15 – *TV Channell* (1956–1957, Sydney and Melbourne Australia)
- November 26 – *The Price Is Right* game series premieres (1956–1965).
- December 3 – *Sydney Tonight* (1956–1959, Sydney Australia)
- *Opportunity Knocks* on ITV (UK) (1956–1978)
- *The Gale Storm Show, Oh! Susanna* (1956–1960), featuring Gale Storm, Roy Roberts, and Zazu Pitts
- *The Steve Allen Show* premieres in the US (1956–1960)
- *What the Papers Say* on ITV (UK) (1956–present)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 12	*Wanted*	1955
February 27	*The Tony Martin Show*	1954
March 5	*Medical Horizons*	1955
March 19	*Jungle Jim*	
March 25	*Justice*	1954
April 28	*It's Always Jan*	1955

June 3	*It's a Great Life*	1954
June 14	*Stop the Music*	
June 23	*The Jimmy Durante Show*	
September 11	*This Is Show Business*	1956
September 22	*The Honeymooners*	1955
Unknown	*Cisco Kid*	1950
	Super Circus	1949

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 3	Mel Gibson	Actor
January 7	David Caruso	Actor (*CSI: Miami*)
January 9	Imelda Staunton	English actress
	Kimberly Beck	Actress (*Peyton Place*)
January 20	Bill Maher	Comedian, talk-show host (*Real Time with Bill Maher*)

January 21	Geena Davis	Actress (*Buffalo Bill*)
February 12	Arsenio Hall	Actor, comedian, talk-show host (*The Arsenio Hall Show*)
February 17	Richard Karn	Actor (*Home Improvement*), game show host
February 19	Kathleen Beller	Actress (*Dynasty*)
March 1	Tim Daly	Actor (*Wings*)
March 7	Bryan Cranston	Actor (*Malcolm in the Middle* & *Breaking Bad*)
March 13	Dana Delany	Actress (*China Beach*)
April 3	Ray Combs	Game show host (*Family Feud*) (d. 1996)
April 12	Andy García	Actor
April 18	Melody Thomas Scott	Actress (*The Young and the Restless*)
May 17	Bob Saget	Actor, host (*Full House*, *America's Funniest Home Videos*)
June 30	David Alan Grier	Actor and comedian (*In Living Color*)
July 1	Alan Ruck	Actor (*Spin City*)
July 9	Tom Hanks	Actor (*Bosom Buddies*)
July 11	Sela Ward	Actress (*Sisters*)

July 31	Michael Biehn	Actor
August 5	Maureen McCormick	Actress (Marcia on *The Brady Bunch*)
August 6	Stepfanie Kramer	Actress (*Hunter*)
August 21	Kim Cattrall	Actress (*Sex and the City*)
September 20	Gary Cole	Actress
September 26	Linda Hamilton	Actress (*Beauty and the Beast*)
Unknown date	Catherine Hickland	Actress (*One Life to Live*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 26	Edward Arnold	66	Actor (hosted *Strange Stories*, 1956)
August 16	Bela Lugosi	73	Actor (*Suspense*, episode of October 11, 1949)

1957 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 6 – Elvis Presley makes his final appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.[1]

- January 25 – Steve Allen makes his final appearance as host of NBC's *The Tonight Show*.[2] He is replaced by Jack Lescoulie and the show is changed from a talk/variety show format to be more like the series *Today*, with the title *Tonight! America After Dark*.[3]

- February 16 – In the United Kingdom, the "Toddlers' Truce" (an arrangement whereby there were no TV broadcasts between 6 PM and 7 PM, to allow parents to put their children to bed) is abolished. It had been a major obstacle to the success of ITV.

- March 7 – Portugal begins the Rádio e Televisão de Portugal television service after several months of experimentation.

- March 31 – The first TV version of *Cinderella*, starring 21-year-old Julie Andrews, and with songs by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, is broadcast in color by CBS.

- April 1 – In Britain, the BBC's *Panorama* current affairs television programme presented by Richard Dimbleby broadcasts a spaghetti tree hoax report purporting to show spaghetti being harvested in Switzerland, believed to be the first April Fool's Day joke televised. Meanwhile, in the United States WYES begins broadcasting on channel 8 in New Orleans. WYES would later swap channels with WVUE in 1970.

- April 4 - CBS broadcasts "The Ricardos Dedicate a Statue" the 180th and final first run episode of "I Love Lucy".

- April 24 – First broadcast of BBC Television astronomy series *The Sky at Night* in the United Kingdom presented by Patrick Moore. This will be broadcast with the same presenter until his death in December 2012.

- June – On *Tonight! America After Dark*, Jack Lescoulie is unsuccessful, so NBC hires Al "Jazzbo" Collins as master of ceremonies. Collins doesn't last long; NBC is already planning to replace him and restore the original format as *The Tonight Show*.

- June 24 – Front Page Challenge, television's longest continuously running panel show, starts broadcasting on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network. It runs for 38 years.

- July 29 – Jack Paar becomes the permanent host for NBC's *The Tonight Show*. The format reverts to a talk/variety show.

- August 5 – *American Bandstand* begins its 30-year syndicated run on US network television.

- August 31 – Central Scotland's independent channel Scottish Television goes on air, the first 7-day-a-week ITV franchise to do so.

- September 7 – NBC introduces an animated version of its "living color" peacock logo.

- November 26 – WHDH-TV/5-Boston begins broadcasting. It soon becomes involved in controversy about its license. It finally loses its license in 1972.

- December 25 – The British Royal Christmas Message is televised with the Queen (Elizabeth II) on camera for the first time.

- When Nat King Cole's television series is unable to get a sponsor, Frankie Laine is the first artist to cross TV's color line, foregoing his usual salary of $10,000.00 to become the first white artist to appear as a guest. Other major performers follow suit, including Mel Tormé and Tony Bennett, but, despite an increase in ratings, the show still fails to acquire a national sponsor.
- Gorni Kramer makes his first appearance on Italian television, in the program *Il Musichiere*.
- Cyprus began a limited television service, serving only three hours a day, twice-weekly. By 1960 a full service will be initiated.
- CBC Television begins nationwide broadcasting of NHL games as Canada's microwave network is completed coast-to-coast. Prior to this, broadcasts had been delayed.
- Westinghouse introduces the first rectangular tube color TV. Due to issues with convergence (aligning the guns to get a single image), the sets were withdrawn from the market. The first successful rectangular color tubes were sold first during the mid-1960s.

Programs/programmes[edit]

Series on the air in 1957[edit]

- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *Kraft Television Theater* (1947–1958)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–1958)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)

- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1957)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *Adventures of Superman* (1952–1958)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961)
- "The Danny Thomas Show" (1953-1964)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *Climax!* (1954–1958)
- *Disneyland* (1954–1958)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- "Father Knows Bwst" (1954-1960)
- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)
- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962)

- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962)
- *Country Music Jubilee* (1955–1960)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Mickey Mouse Club* (1955–1959)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *The Ford Show, Starring Tennessee Ernie Ford* (1956–1961)
- *Hancock's Half Hour* (1956–1962)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Gale Storm Show, Oh! Susanna* (1956–1960)
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965)
- *The Steve Allen Show* (1956–1960)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008)
- "Bachelor Father" (1957-1962)

Debuts[edit]

- April 24 – *The Sky at Night* (UK) presented by Patrick Moore (1957–present)
- May 1 – *Junior Television Club*
- May 7 – *In Melbourne Tonight* with Graham Kennedy on GTV-9
- June 19 – *The Army Game* (UK) on ITV (1957–1961)

- June 24 – *Front Page Challenge* (1957–1995)
- July – *Tivoli Party Time* (1957) on HSV-7 (Melbourne, Australia)
- August 15 – *Australia's Amateur Hour* (1957–1958) on TCN-9 and HSV-7
- September 18 – *Wagon Train* (1957–1965)
- September 21 – *Perry Mason* on CBS (1957–1966), *The Polly Bergen Show* on NBC
- September 22 – *Maverick* on ABC (1957–1961)
- October 3 – *The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom* on ABC (1957–1960)
- October 4 – *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963)
- October 10 – *Zorro* on ABC (1957–1959)
- October 13 – *The Edsel Show*, first full-length show to be recorded on videotape, first of many Bing Crosby specials
- November 6 – *The Lucy–Desi Comedy Hour* on CBS (1957–1960)
- November 17 – *Scotland Yard* on ABC (1957–1958)
- November – *Swallow's Juniors* (1957–1970) on HSV-7 (Melbourne, Australia)
- December 25 – Royal Christmas Message first televised with a message from Elizabeth II
- *Astor Showcase* (1957–1959) on ATN-7 (Sydney, Australia)
- *Divorce Court* (US) (1957–1969, 1985–1992, 1999–present)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
February 24	*Annie Oakley*	1954
February 26	*Noah's Ark*	1956

April 1	*I Love Lucy*	1951
April 8	*Life Is Worth Living*	1952
April 20	*The Adventures of Sir Lancelot* (UK)	1956
May 1	*Kukla, Fran and Ollie*	1947
June 9	*The Roy Rogers Show*	1951
Unknown	*The Grove Family* (UK)	1954
	The Three Stooges	1934

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 7	Katie Couric	Journalist, talk show host (*60 Minutes*)
January 17	Steve Harvey	Actor & comedian, host (*The Steve Harvey Show*)
February 16	LeVar Burton	Actor, host (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Reading Rainbow*)
February 18	Vanna White	Game show hostess (*Wheel of Fortune*)
March 30	Paul Reiser	Actor & comedian (*Mad About You*)
April 13	Gary Kroeger	Actor, announcer (*Saturday Night Live*)
May 5	Richard E. Grant	English actor

June 12	Timothy Busfield	Actor & director (*thirtysomething*)
July 21	Jon Lovitz	Actor & comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
July 23	Jo Brand	English comedian, actress, writer (*Getting On*)
July 26	Nana Visitor	Actress (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*)
August 16	Laura Innes	Actress (*ER*)
August 18	Denis Leary	Actor & comedian (*Rescue Me*)
August 24	Stephen Fry	English actor & comedian (*Pocoyo*)
September 23	Rosalind Chao	Actress
September 29	Andrew Dice Clay	Comedian, actor (*Bless This House*)
September 30	Fran Drescher	Actress & comedian (*The Nanny*)
October 5	Bernie Mac	Actor (*The Bernie Mac Show*) & comedian (d. 2008)
October 11	Dawn French	Welch-born English actress & comedian (*French and Saunders*)
October 25	Nancy Cartwright	Actress (Bart Simpson on *The Simpsons*)

October 29	Dan Castellaneta	Actor & comedian (Homer Simpson on *The Simpsons*)
November 7	Christopher Knight	Actor (*The Brady Bunch*)
December 9	Donny Osmond	Singer, actor & game show host (*The Donny & Marie Show*)
December 21	Ray Romano	Stand-up comedian & actor (*Everybody Loves Raymond*)

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1958 in television

The year **1958 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1958.

Events[edit]

- January 14 – Television Wales and the West (TWW), the first ITV franchise for South Wales and West of England, begins broadcasting.
- January 17 – TV Peru, a first television station launched in Peru, officially service start in Lima.[citation needed]
- January 25 – Royal Thai Channel 5, officially launched in Bangkok, Thailand.[citation needed]
- February 17 – Pope Pius XII designates St. Clare of Assisi the patron saint of television. Thereafter, placing her icon on a television set was said to improve reception.[1]
- April 19 - Chronicle Broadcasting Network, the predecessor of ABS-CBN in the Philippines, launches DZXL-TV Channel 9.

- July 1 – The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) links television broadcasting across Canada. The CBC's microwave network between Nova Scotia and British Columbia, completed this year, makes it the longest in the world.
- August 30 – Southern Television, the ITV franchise for South Central and South East England, begins broadcasting.
- September 16 – Orson Welles's *The Fountain of Youth* is broadcast on NBC-TV's *Colgate Theatre*.[1]:424–425 Filmed in 1956 for a proposed Desilu series, the half-hour program airs only once and becomes the only unsold pilot ever to win a Peabody Award.[2][3]:307
- October 1 – Shanghai Television, as early television station launched in China, first regular service to start.[citation needed]
- October 17 – Fred Astaire makes his TV starring debut in the NBC special, *An Evening with Fred Astaire*, which later won nine Emmy Awards and is one of the first TV specials to be preserved on videotape.
- November 30 – During the live broadcast of the *Armchair Theatre* play *Underground* on the ITV network in the UK, actor Gareth Jones suffers a fatal heart attack between two of his scenes while in make-up.
- Ampex demonstrates their design for a color Video Tape Recorder.
- In the United Kingdom, the top-rated show of the year was the ITV game show Dotto, adapted from an American game show which in turn was based on children's Connect the dots game.
- The original American version of "Dotto" was the first game show to be implicated in the quiz show scandals, and was cancelled in August.
- Top-rated prime-time game show "Twenty One" was cancelled by NBC in October after former contestant Herb Stempel charged that the series was rigged and that he had been ordered to lose a match to the popular Charles Van Doren.
- Fall – The quiz show scandals resulted in the cancellation of the original big-money game show, CBS' "The $64,000 Question", and creating havoc within the US television industry.
- DuMont company sells its television manufacturing assets to Emerson company. The quality decreases.

Television shows[edit]

Series on air in 1958[edit]

- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)

- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Your Hit Parade* (1950–1959)
- *Dragnet* (1951–1959)
- *Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse* (1958–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *This Is Your Life* (1952–1961)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *Disneyland* (1954–1958) ends on September 3, to resume on September 12 as *Walt Disney Presents* (1958–1961)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)

- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)
- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Jubilee USA* (1955–1960)
- *Mickey Mouse Club* (1955–1959)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *The Ford Show, Starring Tennessee Ernie Ford* (1956–1961)
- *Hancock's Half Hour* (UK) (1956–1962)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Gale Storm Show, Oh! Susanna* (1956–1960)
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965)
- *The Steve Allen Show* (1956–1960)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008)

- *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963)
- *The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom* (1957–1960)
- *The Army Game* (UK) (1957–1961)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *General Motors Presents* (1953–1956, 1958–1961)

Debuts[edit]

- January 4 – *Sea Hunt* in syndication (1958–1961)
- June 16 – *Variety View* (1958–1959) (Melbourne, Australia)
- June 19 – Jack Wyatt's *Confession* on ABC (1958–1959)
- August 25 – *Concentration* on NBC (1958–1973)
- September 22 – *Peter Gunn* on NBC (1958–1961)
- September 24 – *The Donna Reed Show* on ABC (1958–1966)
- September 30 – *The Rifleman* on ABC (1958–1963)
- October 2 – *The Huckleberry Hound Show*, Hanna Barbera's second series (1958–1962)
- October 5
  - *Lawman* on *ABC* (1958–1962)
  - *Encounter*, an anthology series originating from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, began a five-week run on ABC, having been cancelled after the November 2 episode
- October 8 – *Bat Masterson* on NBC (1958–1961)
- October 10
  - *77 Sunset Strip* on ABC (1958–1964)
  - *Grandstand* on BBC Television (1958–2007)
- October 15 – *Mole's Adventure* (Japan), the oldest surviving anime television show.[4]
- October 16 – *Blue Peter*, the world's longest-running children's TV programme, debuts on BBC Television (1958–present)

- October 17 – *An Evening With Fred Astaire* on NBC; first show prerecorded on color videotape, wins nine Emmy Awards
- November 4 – *Flight (1958 TV show)* (1958–1959) syndicated premiere on NBC NYC; produced by California National Presentation
- December 22 – *Quatermass and the Pit* on BBC Television (1958–1959)
- *Autumn Affair* (1958–1959), the first Australian-produced television soap opera (on ATN-7 in Sydney, starting 1959 also shown on GTV-9 in Melbourne)
- *Café Continental* (1958–1961) (Sydney and Melbourne Australia)
- *Don Messer's Jubilee* (1958–1969)
- *The Friendly Giant* (1958–1985)
- *The Shirley Abicair Show* (1958) (Sydney and Melbourne Australia)
- *Your Life in Their Hands* on BBC Television (1958–1964 and many revivals)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
April 28	*Adventures of Superman*	1952
May 31	*The Polly Bergen Show*	1957
June 7	*The Life of Riley*	1953
June 26	*Climax!*	1954
September 6	*Club Oasis*	1957
September 15	*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show*	1950
October 1	*Kraft Television Theater*	1947

Unknown	*Hey, Jeannie!*	1958

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 4	Matt Frewer	Actor (Max Headroom)
January 20	Lorenzo Lamas	Actor (*Falcon Crest*)
January 25	Dinah Manoff	Actress & director (*Soap*)
January 26	Ellen DeGeneres	Actress & talk show host (*Ellen*)
January 30	Brett Butler	Actress (*Grace Under Fire*)
March 3	Miranda Richardson	Actress
March 10	Sharon Stone	
March 21	Gary Oldman	Actor & filmmaker
April 3	Alec Baldwin	Actor (*30 Rock*)
April 29	Eve Plumb	Actress (*The Brady Bunch*)
	Michelle Pfeiffer	Actress

May 23	Drew Carey	Actor, comedian, game show host (*The Price Is Right*)
May 30	Ted McGinley	Actor (*Married... with Children*)
June 12	Rebecca Holden	Actress & singer
June 22	Bruce Campbell	Actor (*Burn Notice*) & director
July 6	Jennifer Saunders	Actress, comedian (*Absolutely Fabulous*)
August 16	Angela Bassett	Actress
	Madonna	Singer & actress
August 18	Madeleine Stowe	Actress (*Revenge*)
August 29	Michael Jackson	Singer and actress, (died 2009)
September 21	Penny Smith	TV presenter
September 24	Kevin Sorbo	Actor (*Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*)
October 9	Michael Paré	Actor
November 12	Nick Stellino	Chef, author and TV presenter
November 16	Marg Helgenberger	Actress (*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*)
November 22	Jamie Lee Curtis	Actress (*Anything But Love*)

December 1	Charlene Tilton	Actress (*Dallas*)
December 10	John J. York	US soap actor

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1959 in television

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Events[edit]

- January 15 – Tyne Tees Television, the Independent Television (ITV) franchise for North East England, begins broadcasting.
- May 28 – Initiation of Lebanon's first television station, Télé Liban.
- July 13–17 – *The Hate That Hate Produced* introduces the Nation of Islam to most Americans.
- July 24 – The Kitchen Debate occurs in Moscow, recorded on color videotape.
- October 27 – Anglia Television, the ITV franchise for Eastern England, begins broadcasting.
- October 31 – Ulster Television, the ITV franchise for Northern Ireland, begins broadcasting.[1]
- November 22 – Sandmännchen premieres on East German television channel Deutscher Fernsehfunk. The series would continue airing today on Rundfunk Berlin–Brandenburg.
- November 29 – The Grammy Awards are first televised as part of NBC's Sunday Showcase.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–2001)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *General Motors Presents* (Can) (1953–1956, 1958–1961)
- *Gillette Cavalcade of Sports* (1946–1960)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hancock's Half Hour* (1956–1962)
- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Jubilee USA* (1955–1960)
- *KPIX Dance Party* (1959–1963)
- *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963)

- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Man with a Camera* (1959–1960)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Men Into Space* (1959–1960)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Perry Mason* (1957–1966)
- *Peter Gunn* (1958–1961)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Army Game* (UK) (1957–1961)
- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Ford Show, Starring Tennessee Ernie Ford* (1956–1961)
- *The Gale Storm Show, Oh! Susanna* (1956–1960)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Huckleberry Hound Show* (1958–1962)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom* (1957–1960)

- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965)
- *The Real McCoys* (1957–1963)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Steve Allen Show* (1956–1960)
- *The Texan* (1958–1960)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney Presents* (1958–1961)
- *Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse* (1958–1960)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Debuts[edit]

- January 9 – *Rawhide*, CBS (1959–1966)
- January 12 – *The Bell Telephone Hour* on NBC (1959–1968)
- February 4 – *Face to Face* on BBC Television (1959–1962)
- May 2 – *Markham*, featuring Ray Milland, on CBS (1959–1960)
- June 1 – *Juke Box Jury* on BBC Television (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- September 12 – *Bonanza* on NBC, the first weekly television series broadcast completely in color (1959–1973)

- September 15 – *Laramie* on NBC (1959–1963)
- September 20 – *NBC Sunday Showcase* on NBC (1959–1960)
- September 30 – *Men Into Space* on CBS (1959–1960)
- October 2 – Rod Serling's *The Twilight Zone* debuts on CBS (1959–1964)
- October 4
  - *Dennis the Menace* on CBS (1959–1963)
  - *The Rebel* on ABC (1959–1961)
- October 5 – *Bourbon Street Beat* on ABC (1959–1960)
- October 7 – *Hawaiian Eye* on ABC (1959–1963)
- October 15
  - *The Untouchables* on ABC (1959–1963)
  - *Adelaide Tonight* – 1959–1973 (Adelaide, Australia)
  - *Bandwagon* (1959–1960) (Melbourne, Australia, on HSV-7)
  - *The Bert Newton Show* (1959–1960) (Melbourne, Australia, on GTV-9)
  - *The Bobby Limb Show* (1959–1964) (Australia) (changed title in 1961 to *The Mobil-Limb Show*)
  - *Club Seven* (1959–1961) (Melbourne, Australia)
  - *Emergency* (1959) (Australia), one of the earliest Australian dramatic TV series
  - *Shell Presents* (1959–1960) (Sydney and Melbourne Australia), Australian dramatic anthology series
  - *Tales of the Riverbank* premieres (1959–1963).
  - *Rocky And His Friends* Jay Ward's Second series (1959-1964).

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut

January 13	Jack Wyatt's *Confession*	1958
January 26	*Quatermass and the Pit*	
April 24	*Your Hit Parade*	1950
June 22	*The Restless Gun*	1957
June 25	*Dragnet*	1951
	Mickey Mouse Club	1955
	State Trooper	1956

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
February 22	Kyle MacLachlan	Actor (*Desperate Housewives*)
March 6	Tom Arnold	Actor & comedian (*The Best Damn Sports Show Period*)
March 7	Donna Murphy	Actress & singer
April 3	David Hyde Pierce	Actor (*Frasier*)
April 17	Sean Bean	English actor
April 24	Paula Yates	television presenter (d. 2000).

May 3	Ben Elton	English comedian & writer (*Blackadder*)
May 29	Rupert Everett	English actor
June 11	Hugh Laurie	Actor & comedian (Dr. Gregory House on *House*)
June 30	Vincent D'Onofrio	Actor (*Law & Order: Criminal Intent*)
August 13	Danny Bonaduce	Actor (*The Partridge Family*)
August 14	Marcia Gay Harden	Actress
September 14	Mary Crosby	Actress (*Dallas*)
September 21	Dave Coulier	Actor (Joey Gladstone on *Full House*)
September 23	Jason Alexander	Actor (George Costanza on *Seinfeld*)
October 3	Jack Wagner	Actor (*The Bold and the Beautiful*)
October 8	Nick Bakay	Actor (*Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *The Angry Beavers*)
October 13	Marie Osmond	Actress & singer (*Donny & Marie*)
October 23	"Weird Al" Yankovic	Music parodist
October 25	Nancy Cartwright	Voice actress (Bart Simpson on *The Simpsons*)

November 10	Mackenzie Phillips	Actress (*One Day at a Time*)
November 19	Allison Janney	Actress (*The West Wing*)
November 28	Judd Nelson	Actor (*Suddenly Susan*)
December 16	Alison LaPlaca[2]	Actress (*Duet*)
December 30	Tracey Ullman	Actress, comedian (*The Tracey Ullman Show*)
December 31	Val Kilmer	Actor

Deaths[edit]

- December 6 - Len Doyle, who played investigator Harrigan on *Mr. District Attorney*.[3]

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1960 in television

The year **1960 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1960.

For the American TV schedule, see: 1960-61 American network television schedule.

Events[edit]

- February 10 – Jack Paar temporarily quits his television program in the United States because his monologue had been edited the night before, in favor of a three-minute news update. Parr walks out to the audience at the beginning of the show, announces that he is quitting, says "There's got to be a better way to make a living," and then walks off the stage. After network executives apologize personally, Parr resumed hosting the program a month later. His first show back starts with the words "As I was saying before I was interrupted...".[1]

- February and Late August through September - In a first for US Audiences, CBS broadcasts the 1960 Winter Olympics and Summer Olympics, on an exclusive basis, for $60,000. From Squaw Valley, American viewers are treated to 31 hours of coverage, which includes a mix of alpine skiing, figure skating, ice hockey, speed skating, and ski jumping. The Winter Olympic broadcast is hosted by Walter Cronkite while a young Jim McKay, who will go on to host ABC's Olympic coverage, does the Rome Games.

- March 2 - Lucille Ball files for divorce from Desi Arnaz, ending their 20-year marriage and the *I Love Lucy* franchise on CBS.

- June 20 – Nan Winton becomes the first national female newsreader on BBC television in the United Kingdom.[2]

- June 29 – The BBC Television Centre is opened in London.

- September 24 – After thirteen seasons of entertaining American children, NBC children's show *Howdy Doody* ends with Clarabell the Clown saying the final two words of the show ("Goodbye Kids") after being assumed to only be mute.

- September 25 – First Japanese colour television broadcast.

- September 26 – American presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon debate live by television. The candidates behavior and/or appearance during the debate may have altered the outcome of the election. In addition to being the first presidential debates to be televised, the debates also marked the first time "split screen" images were used by a network.

- October 12 – Inejiro Asanuma, chairman of the Japan Socialist Party, is assassinated by Otoya Yamaguchi using a *wakizashi* (samurai sword) during a political debate in Tokyo being taped by Japanese television broadcaster NHK.

- December 9 – The first episode of soap opera *Coronation Street*, made by Granada Television in Manchester, England, is aired on ITV.[3] Intended as a 13-week pilot and disfavored by critics, it continues to air past its 55th anniversary as Britain's longest running soap.

- December 31 – Norma Zimmer officially becomes Lawrence Welk's "Champagne Lady" on *The Lawrence Welk Show*.

Undated[edit]

- Frank and Doris Hursley start their soap opera writing career, taking the jobs of joint head writers for the series *Search for Tomorrow*.

- Nearly 90% of homes in the United States now have a television set, and over one hundred million television sets are in use worldwide.

Debuts[edit]

- January 25 – Series *The Kate Smith Show* begins a six-month run on CBS.

- February 7 – Series *Overland Trail* begins a four-month run on NBC.

- June 1 – TV One is initiated in Auckland. This was the first television transmission in New Zealand.

- September 11 – Series *Danger Man* premieres on ITV in UK; broadcast also by CBS in USA (**1960**-1961, 1964-1966).

- September 17 – Series *Checkmate* premieres on CBS (**1960**-1962).

- September 29 – Series *My Three Sons* premieres (**1960**-1972).

- September 30 – Hanna Barbera's series *The Flintstones* debut on ABC (**1960**-1966).

- October 3 – Series *The Andy Griffith Show* premieres on CBS (**1960**-1968).

- October 7 – Series *Route 66* premieres on CBS (**1960**-1964).

- December 9 – Soap opera *Coronation Street* premieres on Granada Television in UK (**1960**-present).

- Comedy show *Radio Rochela* (previously the *La Cruzada del Buen Humor* segment of *El Show de las Doce*) debuts on RCTV in Venezuela (**1960**-2010).

Television shows[edit]

1940s[edit]

- *Meet the Press* (1947–present).

- *Howdy Doody* (1947–1960).

- *Candid Camera* (1948–present).

- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971).

- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present).
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995).
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963).

1950s[edit]

- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965).
- *Men Into Space* (1959–1960).
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988).
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967).
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980).
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–1960)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986).
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present).
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989).
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966).
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009).
- *The Today Show* (1952–present).
- *This Is Your Life* (US) (1952–1961).
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present).
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983).
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present).
- *The Brighter Day* (1954–1962).
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967).
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974).
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present).

- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964).
- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962).
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984).
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962).
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976).
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975).
- *Jubilee USA (1955-1960).*
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982).
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003).
- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968).
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010).
- *Hancock's Half Hour* (1956–1962).
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978).
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984).
- *The Ford Show, Starring Tennessee Ernie Ford* (1956-1961).
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965).
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008).
- *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963).
- *The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom* (1957-1960).
- *The Army Game* (UK) (1957–1961).
- *Perry Mason* (1957–1966).
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present).
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present).
- *General Motors Presents* (Can) (1953–1956, **1958–1961**)

- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958-2007).
- *Peter Gunn* (1958–1961).
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966).
- *The Huckleberry Hound Show* (1958–1962).
- *Walt Disney Presents* (1958–1961).
- *Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse* (1958–1960)
- *Bonanza* (1959–1973).
- *Hawaiian Eye* (1959–1963).
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990).
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968).
- *The Twilight Zone* (**1959-1964**, 1985–1988, 2002).
- *The Rebel* (1959–1961).

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 4	Julia St. John	British actress
January 6	Howie Long	former NFL player
February 19	Leslie Ash	British actress
February 20	Wendee Lee	American voice actress
February 22	Paul Abbott	British television writer
February 28	Dorothy Stratten	Canadian actress, *Playboy* model (died 1980).

April 11	Jeremy Clarkson	Journalist and Television presenter, *Top Gear*
April 14	Brad Garrett	American actor, *Everybody Loves Raymond*.
April 23	Valerie Bertinelli	American actress
April 24	Paula Yates	television presenter (d. 2000).
May 20	Tony Goldwyn	American actor and director
August 7	David Duchovny	American actor, star of *The X-Files*.
August 16	Timothy Hutton	American actor, writer and producer, star of the 1980 movie *Ordinary People*.
September 4	Damon Wayans	American actor and comedian

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1961 in television

The year **1961 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1961.

For the American TV schedule, see: 1961-62 American network television schedule.

Events[edit]

- January 20 – John F. Kennedy is the first U.S. president to be inaugurated with a color telecast. NBC covers the inauguration in color.
- January 25 – John F. Kennedy held the first live televised presidential press conference.
- *Danger Man* (United Kingdom) (1960–1961, 1964–1966) is cancelled due to lack of interest from Australian broadcasters. The series would be revived later.
- February 19 – CFTM-TV, future flagship station of Quebec's TVA network, begins broadcasting in Montreal.
- April 11 – the Eichmann trial was the first televised trial, shown on a one-day delay basis in the U.S. with videotape flown in daily from Jersualem
- April 29 – Westward Television, the first ITV franchise for South West England, begins broadcasting.
- May 5 – Alan B. Shepard, the first U.S. astronaut in space aboard the spacecraft Freedom 7 in a 15-min. suborbital flight. The launch is watched by 45 million U.S. viewers.
- May 9 – In a speech on "Television and the Public Interest" to the National Association of Broadcasters in the United States, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow describes commercial television programming as a "vast wasteland" and tells the broadcasters that they could do a better job of serving the public.
- May 29 – Dave Garroway announces his decision to quit the *Today* show.
- July 1 – The soap opera series *The Brighter Day* airs its first episode after taping locations are moved from New York City to Los Angeles. As a result, key character Babby Dennis and her love interest are written out of the series; the actors who played them didn't want to relocate.
- September 1 – Border Television, the ITV franchise for the English-Scottish Border and Isle of Man, begins broadcasting.
- September 23 – NBC begins its long-running NBC Saturday Night at the Movies participating, with a broadcast of the 1953 Marilyn Monroe picture *How to Marry a Millionaire*.
- September 30 – Grampian Television, the ITV franchise for North East Scotland, begins broadcasting.

- October 1 – CTV Television Network (CTV) is launched in Canada, the first privately owned network in the country.
- October 29 - DZBB-TV Channel 7, the third television station in the Philippines owned by Republic Broadcasting System (now GMA Network) of American war correspondent Robert "Uncle Bob" Stewart, was launched after the success of radio station DZBB.
- November 4 – (Radiotelevisione italiana)'s second television channel (now named Rai Due) first broadcasts to 52% of the available households in Italy.
- November 19 – Lucille Ball marries Gary Morton.
- December 15 – Sam and Friends broadcasts their last episode.
- December 31 – Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ) starts television broadcasts, bringing television to the Republic of Ireland for the first time.
- WBNB airs the first television broadcast in the Virgin Islands. (The station would be destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989.)

Debuts[edit]

- January 5 – *Mister Ed* (1961–1966)
- January 7 – *The Avengers* on ITV in UK (1961–1969)
- January 23 – *The Americans* on NBC
- March 17 – *Five Star Jubilee* on NBC
- April 29 – ABC's *Wide World of Sports* (1961–2006)
- August 19 – *Four Corners*, Australia's first current affairs program (1961–present)
- September 9 – *The Jo Stafford Show* on ITV (1961)
- September 17 – *Car 54, Where Are You?* on NBC (1961–1963)
- September 28 – *Hazel* on NBC (1961–1966)
- October 1 –
  - *Bus Stop* on ABC (1961–1962)
  - *CTV National News* (1961–present)
  - *Songs of Praise* on BBC (1961–present)

- October 2 –
  - *Ben Casey* on ABC (1961–1966)
  - *Password* on CBS (1961–1967)
  - *Window on Main Street* on CBS (1961–1962)
- October 3 – *The Dick Van Dyke Show* on CBS (1961–1966)
- October 7 – *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- November 8 – *KVN* (Клуб, Весёлых и Находчивых, *Klub Vesyólykh i Nakhódchivykh*, "Club of the Funny and Inventive") on The First Channel in the Soviet Union (1961–1972, 1986–present)
- December 11 – *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* (1955–1962)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Bringing Up Buddy*, 1960–1961
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheyenne* (1955–1962)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Danger Man* (UK) (1960–1961, 1964–1966)

- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hancock's Half Hour* (1956–1962)
- *Hawaiian Eye* (1959–1963)
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Margie*, 1961–1962
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Rocky and His Friends* (1959-1961) ends earlier in 1961 to resume later in 1961 on NBC as *The Bullwinkle Show* (1961–1964)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1968)
- *The Alvin Show* (1961-1962)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968)
- *The Bugs Bunny Show* (1960-2000)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)

- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flintstones* (1960–1966)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Huckleberry Hound Show* (1958–1962)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965)
- *The Quick Draw McGraw Show* (1959–1962)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Yogi Bear Show* (1961-1962)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Twilight Zone* (1959–1964, 1985–1989, 2002–2003)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Top Cat* (1961-1962)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney Presents* (1958–1961) ends on September 17 to resume on September 24 on NBC as *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–1969)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Window on Main Street* (1961–1962)

- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*General Motors Presents* (Can)	1958
May 15	*The Americans*	1961
June 20	*The Army Game* (UK)	1957
June 29	*The Ford Show*	1956
June 30	*Hancock's Half Hour*	
September 18	*Peter Gunn*	1958
September 22	*Five Star Jubilee*	1961
Unknown	*This Is Your Life* (US)	1952

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Walt Disney Presents	ABC	NBC
Rocky and His Friends		

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 13	Julia Louis-Dreyfus	Actress (*Seinfeld*)
January 19	Paul McCrane	Actor (*ER*)
February 2	Lauren Lane	Actress (*The Nanny*)
February 5	Tim Meadows	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
February 21	Christopher Atkins	Actor (*Dallas*)
February 23	Trent Lehman	Actor (*Nanny and the Professor*)
March 3	Mary Page Keller	Actress (*Duet*)
March 4	Steven Weber	Actor (*Wings*)
March 8	Camryn Manheim	Actress (*The Practice*)
March 17	Casey Siemaszko	Actor
March 18	Geoffrey Owens	Actor (*The Cosby Show*)
April 3	Eddie Murphy	Comedian, actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
April 6	Gene Eugene	Singer (Adam Again), actor (*The Amazing Chan and the Chan Clan*)

April 18	Jane Leeves	Actress (*Frasier*)
April 23	George Lopez	Comedian, actor (*George Lopez*)
April 30	Isiah Thomas	Basketball player and coach
May 6	George Clooney	Actor (*ER*)
May 12	Lar Park Lincoln	Actress (*Knots Landing*)
May 29	Melissa Etheridge	Singer, voice actress
May 30	Ralph Carter	Actor (Michael Evans on *Good Times*)
May 31	Lea Thompson	Actress (*Caroline in the City*)
June 7	Kym Whitley	Actress (*Married... with Children*)
June 9	Michael J. Fox	Actor (Alex P. Keaton on *Family Ties*)
June 29	Sharon Lawrence	Actress (*NYPD Blue*)
July 23	Woody Harrelson	Actor (*Cheers*)
August 4	Lauren Tom	Actress (*Futurama*)
August 13	Dawnn Lewis	Actress (*A Different World*)
August 14	Susan Olsen	Actress (Cindy on *The Brady Bunch*)

September 11	Elizabeth Daily	Actress (*Rugrats*)
September 15	Dan Marino	Football player, analyst (*The NFL Today*)
September 23	Chi McBride	Actor (*The John Larroquette Show*, *Boston Public*)
September 25	Heather Locklear	Actress (*Melrose Place*)
September 30	Crystal Bernard	Actress (*Wings*)
October 4	David W. Harper	Actor (*The Waltons*)
November 3	Kari Michaelsen	Actress (*Gimme a Break!*)
November 4	Jeff Probst	Emcee (*Survivor*)
November 14	Elizabeth Keifer	US actress (*Guiding Light*)
December 30	Sean Hannity	Talk show host (*Hannity*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 3	Anna May Wong	56	American actress
May 22	Joan Davis	53	Actress (*I Married Joan*)

Date	Name	Ag e	Notability
August 26	Gail Russell	36	American actress
August 30	Charles Coburn	84	Actor
September 10	Leo Carrillo	80	Actor (*The Cisco Kid*)
October 11	Chico Marx	74	Actor (member of the Marx Brothers)
November 24	Ruth Chatterton	68	Actress

1962 in television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1962-63 American network television schedule.

List of years in television (**table**)

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1959 1960 1961 **-1962-** 1963 1964 1965

... 1966 · 1967 · 1968 · 1969 · 1970 · 1971 · 1972 ...

In radio: 1959 1960 1961 -1962- 1963 1964 1965

In film: 1959 1960 1961 -1962- 1963 1964 1965

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The year **1962** involved some significant events in television. Below is a list of notable events of that year.

Events[edit]

- January 1
  - The 1962 Rose Bowl game on NBC is the first coast-to-coast color television broadcast of a college football game in the United States.
  - NBC introduces the Laramie Peacock before a midnight showing of Laramie.
- March 24 – Boxer Benny Kid Paret falls unconscious at the hands of fellow boxer Emile Griffith during a televised boxing match officiated by Ruby Goldstein at Madison Square Garden. Paret dies ten days later.
- April 16 – Walter Cronkite succeeds Douglas Edwards as anchorman of the *CBS Evening News*; he will remain so for the next 19 years.
- May 27 - General Electric Theater airs it last episode on CBS.
- July 6 - Gay Byrne presents the first edition of *The Late Late Show* on RTÉ in the Republic of Ireland. Byrne goes on to present the show for 37 years, the longest period through which any individual hosts a televised talk show anywhere in the world, and the show itself becomes the world's second longest-running talk show.
- July 23 – First publicly available live transatlantic television broadcast via Telstar 1.
- August 24 - Indonesia begins the first television broadcast with the newly inaugurated TVRI (Televisi Republik Indonesia, the Television Channel of Indonesia). TVRI is the first national television network in Indonesia before 1989. The establishment of TVRI marked the Day of Indonesian National Television.
- September 1 – Channel Television, the ITV franchise for the Channel Islands, goes on air.
- September 14 – Wales West and North Television (Teledu Cymru) goes on air to the North and West Wales region, extending ITV to the whole of the UK.
- Broadcast of *Sábados Alegres* begins, program later becomes *Sábados Gigantes*.
- Cigarette adverts are banned from children's programmes in the UK. Actors in these adverts now have to be over 21, and connection to social success is no longer allowed. The tobacco companies also start a policy of not advertising before 9pm.
- The U.S. *All-Channel Receiver Act* requires UHF tuners to be on all consumer sets (channels 14 through 83), as well as VHF.[1][2]
- Zenith markets its first color TV, a 21" round screen set.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)

- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Ben Casey* (1961–1966)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Car 54, Where Are You?* (1961-1963)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Dennis the Menace* (1959-1963)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hawaiian Eye* (1959–1963)
- *Hazel* (1961-1966)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- *Leave It to Beaver* (1957–1963)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)

- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mister Ed* (1961–1966)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *Naked City* (1958-1963)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Perry Mason* (1957-1966)
- *Route 66* (1960-1964)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1968)
- *The Avengers* (UK) (1961–1969)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968)
- *The Dick Van Dyke Show* (1961–1966)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flintstones* (1960–1966)
- *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–1968) (CBS)

- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–1965)
- *The Real McCoys* (1957-1963)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Twilight Zone* (1959–1964)
- *The Untouchables* (1959-1963)
- *The Voice of Firestone* (1949–1963)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–1969)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Debuts[edit]

- January 2 – *Z-Cars* (UK) on BBC Television (1962–1978)
- April 6 – *Little Blue Light* (Голубой огонёк, *Goluboy ogonyok*) in the Soviet Union (1962–present)
- April 17 – *Brothers in Law* (UK) on BBC Television (1962)
- July 6 – *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) on RTÉ (1962–present)
- September 19 – *The Virginian* on NBC, beginning a nine-year run, and is the first western to air in 90-minute installments (1962–1971)

- September 23 – *The Jetsons* on ABC (1962–1963, 1984–1985, 1987); the first program to air in color on the network
- September 26 – *The Beverly Hillbillies* premieres on CBS (1962–1971)
- October 1 – *The Lucy Show* on CBS (1962–1968); *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* on NBC (1962–1992); *Discovery* on ABC (1962–1971)
- October 2 – *Combat!* on ABC (1962–1967)
- October 4 – *The Saint* (UK) on ITV (1962–1969)
- October 11 – *McHale's Navy* on ABC (1962–1966)
- December 31 – *Match Game* on NBC (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *To Tell the Truth* on CTV (1962–1964)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 25	*Bus Stop*	1961
September 28	*The Brighter Day*	1954
Unknown	*Alfred Hitchcock Presents*	1955
	The Huckleberry Hound Show	1958
	The Quick Draw McGraw Show	1959

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	Suzy Amis	Actress

January 17	Jim Carrey	Actor and comedian (*In Living Color*)
January 28	Creflo Dollar	American televangelist
February 17	Lou Diamond Phillips	Actor (*Longmire*)
February 27	Adam Baldwin	Actor (*Chuck*)
March 18	Thomas Ian Griffith	Actor (*Another World*)
March 21	Matthew Broderick	Actor (2-time host of *Saturday Night Live*)
	Rosie O'Donnell	Actress, comedian, talk show host (*The Rosie O'Donnell Show*)
May 24	Gene Anthony Ray	Actor, dancer, choreographer (*Fame*) (died 2003)
May 28	Michelle Collins	Actress (*EastEnders*, *Coronation Street*)
June 7	Simon Day	English comedian, actor, and screenwriter
June 19	Paula Abdul	Singer, choreographer, *American Idol* judge
July 8	Rob Burnett	Executive producer of *Late Show with David Letterman*
July 13	Tom Kenny	Actor (voice of SpongeBob on *SpongeBob SquarePants*)
July 19	Anthony Edwards	Actor (Dr. Mark Greene on *ER*)

July 31	Wesley Snipes	Actor
August 29	Ian James Corlett	
August 31	Dee Bradley Baker	
September 11	Kristy McNichol	Actress (*Empty Nest*)
September 15	Scott McNeil	Actor
September 26	Melissa Sue Anderson	Actress (Mary Ingalls on *Little House on the Prairie*)
October 1	Esai Morales	Actor (*NYPD Blue*)
October 2	Jeff Bennett	Actor
October 13	Kelly Preston	Actress
November 11	Demi Moore	Actress (*General Hospital*)
November 19	Jodie Foster	Actress and director
November 28	Jon Stewart	Comedian and host (*The Daily Show*)
December 6	Janine Turner	Actress (*Northern Exposure*)
December 9	Felicity Huffman	Actress (*Desperate Housewives*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 13	Ernie Kovacs	42	Comic actor, director, writer, composer
February 8	Myron McCormick	54	Stage actor, radio actor and film actor
February 27	Willie Best	45	Actor
March 1	Roscoe Ates	67	
June 19	Will Wright	68	
August 5	Marilyn Monroe	36	Iconic sex symbol, actress
October 2	Frank Lovejoy	50	Actor
October 26	Louise Beavers	60	Actress
December 16	Lew Landers	61	Director
December 17	Thomas Mitchell	70	Actor

1963 in television

Further information: 1963-64 American network television schedule

The year 1963 involved some significant events in television. Below are lists of notable TV-related events.

Events[edit]

- January 13 – BBC Television broadcasts the play *The Madhouse on Castle Street* in the *Sunday-Night Theatre* strand. The play co-stars a young American folk music singer named Bob Dylan.
- April 1 – German terrestrial channel ZDF (pronounced *tseht-day-ehf*) began broadcasting.
- May 15 – First television pictures transmitted from a US manned space capsule ("Faith 7"). Due to the poor picture quality, only NBC carries the transmission, and on tape-delay, not live.
- July 22 – Bob Crane quits his DJ job at radio station KNX to become a regular on *The Donna Reed Show*.
- September 2 – *CBS Evening News* becomes network television's first half-hour weeknight news broadcast, when the show is lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes.
- September 9 – NBC also expands its evening network news program to 30 minutes.
- September 27 – *The Littlest Hobo* debuts on TV across North America with the first episode entitled "Blue Water Sailor".
- September 29 – *The Judy Garland Show* debuts on CBS.
- September 30 – BBC Television begins using a globe as their symbol. They would continue to use it in varying forms until 2002.
- October 1 – ABC News at last drops its dependence on outside sources of news film and begins to rely on its own camera crews.
- November 22 – All three major U.S. networks start pre-emptions for a week following the news of John F. Kennedy's assassination. The pre-emptions unofficially begin a few minutes after Kennedy was shot; on the top-rated American soap opera *As the World Turns*, Nancy Hughes (Helen Wagner) was in the middle of a discussion with Grandpa (Santos Ortega) about Bob's (Don Hastings) decision to invite Lisa (Eileen Fulton) to Thanksgiving dinner. Walter Cronkite interrupted Wagner mid-speech to deliver the bulletin. *As the World Turns* continued for one more scene (at that time, the show was transmitted live) before Cronkite cut in permanently. News of the assassination, and later the funeral procession, were the first television broadcasts across the Pacific Ocean (via Relay 1 satellite).
- November 23 – UK BBC tv *That Was The Week That Was* broadcasts its famous dramatic Kennedy tribute episode. William Hartnell stars in the very first episode of *Doctor Who* (*An Unearthly Child*). So many people complained of having missed it (because of the disruption to schedules caused by the assassination) that the following Saturday episode 1 was repeated before the broadcast of episode 2.

- November 24 – Jack Ruby murders John F. Kennedy's suspected assassin Lee Harvey Oswald live on television.
- December 7 – Instant Replay is used for the first time during the live transmission of the Army Navy Game by its inventor, director, Tony Verna.
- For the first time, most Americans say that they get more of their news from television than newspapers.
- The television remote control is authorized by the FCC.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *ABC's Wide World of Sports* (1961–98)
- *Adventures of Superman* (1951–58)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–89)
- *Armchair Theatre* (1956–68)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Ben Casey* (1961–66)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bonanza* (1959–73)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–84)
- *Combat!* (1962–67)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–95)
- *Coronation Street*, UK (1960–present)
- *Death Valley Days* (1952–75)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–76)
- *Doctor Who*, UK (1963–89, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)

- *Four Corners*, Australia (1961–present)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–75)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Have Gun Will Travel* (1957–63)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *I Love Lucy* (1951–57)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–67, 1979, 1989–90)
- *Lassie* (1954–74)
- *Love of Life* (1951–80)
- *Mack & Myer for Hire* (1963–64)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–84, 1990–91, 1998–99)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mister Ed* (1961–66)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–72)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–78)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Petticoat Junction*, (1963–70)
- *Professional Bowlers Tour* (1962–97)
- *Rin Tin Tin* (1954–59)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–86)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–66)
- *The Amos 'n Andy Show* (1951–53)

- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–68)
- *The Avengers*, UK (1961–69)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–68)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–71)
- *The Dick Van Dyke Show* (1961–66)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–66)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–71)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–84)
- *The Flintstones* (1960–66)
- *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–83)
- *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1963–64)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–65)
- *The Jetsons* (1962–63, 1984–85, 1987)
- *The Judy Garland Show* (1963–64)
- *The Late Late Show*, Ireland (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–82)
- *The Lucille Ball/Desi Arnaz Show (The Lucy/Desi Comedy Hour)* (1957–60)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–68)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–81)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–67)
- *The Patty Duke Show*, (1963–66)
- *The Price Is Right* (1956–65)

- *The Saint*, UK (1962–69)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–74)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Tonight Show* (Steve Allen, 1954–57; Jack Paar, 1957–62)
- *The Twilight Zone* (1959–64)
- *The World Tonight*, Philippines (1962–present)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–88)
- *Twelve O'clock High* (1964–67)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–69)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *What's My Line* (1950–67)
- *Z-Cars*, UK (1962–78)
- *Zoo Quest* (UK) (1954–1964)

Debuts[edit]

- January 1 – *Astro Boy* (known as *Mighty Atom* in Japanese), Japan's first anime, on Fuji TV
- January 6 – *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* on NBC (1963–88, 2002–)
- January 7 – *World in Action*, investigative current affairs series, on Granada Television in Britain (1963–98)
- April 1 – *General Hospital* (created by Frank and Doris Hursley) and *The Doctors* ABC (1963–) and NBC (1963–82) respectively
- August 9 – *Ready Steady Go!* on ITV (1963–66)
- September 16 – *The Outer Limits* on ABC (1963–65)

- September 17 – *The Fugitive* on ABC (1963–67)
- September 18 – *The Patty Duke Show* on ABC (1963–66)
- September 20 – *Burke's Law* on ABC (1963–65)
- September 24 – *Petticoat Junction* on CBS (1963–70)
- September 29 – *The Judy Garland Show* (1963–64) and *My Favorite Martian*, both on CBS (1963–66)
- November 23 – *Doctor Who* on BBC Television (1963–89, 1996, 2005–); with William Hartnell as the Doctor (1963–66)
- *The Littlest Hobo* in Canada (1963–65; 1979–85)
- *Mack & Myer for Hire* this year in syndication (1963–64)

Ending this year[edit]

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<tr><td>April 2</td><td>Hawaiian Eye</td><td>1959</td></tr>
<tr><td>May 14</td><td>Empire</td><td>1962</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">May 21</td><td>Laramie</td><td>1959</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Voice of Firestone</td><td>1949</td></tr>
<tr><td>June 20</td><td>Leave It to Beaver</td><td rowspan="2">1957</td></tr>
<tr><td>June 23</td><td>The Real McCoys</td></tr>
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Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 4	Dave Foley	Canadian comedic actor (*The Kids in the Hall*)
February 17	Michael Jordan	NBA basketball player
February 26	Chase Masterson	Actress (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*)
April 18	Eric McCormack	Actor (*Will & Grace*, *Perception*)
May 8	Stella Gonet	Actress (*Holby City*)
May 25	Mike Myers	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
May 29	Lisa Whelchel	Actress (*The Facts of Life*)
June 9	Johnny Depp	Actor (*21 Jump Street*)
June 15	Helen Hunt	Actress (*Mad About You*)
June 17	Greg Kinnear	Actor (*Talk Soup*)
July 30	Lisa Kudrow	Actress (*Friends*)
August 19	John Stamos	Actor (Jesse on *Full House*)
November 21	Nicollette Sheridan	Actress (*Knots Landing*)

December 18	Brad Pitt	Actor

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 10	Timothy Birdsall	27	English cartoonist (*That Was the Week That Was*)
November 22	John F. Kennedy	46	35th President of the United States

1964 in television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1964-65 American network television schedule.

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The year **1964 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events which occurred in that year.

Events[edit]

- Most of NBC's programs are now broadcast in color.
- January 1 – The first *Top of the Pops* airs on BBC Television.

- January 3 – Footage of The Beatles performing a concert in Bournemouth, England is shown on *The Jack Paar Show*.
- January 4 – TV Tokyo launched in Japan.
- February 9, 16 and 23 – The Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, breaking television ratings records.
- April 20 – BBC2 starts broadcasting in the UK; the existing BBC channel is renamed BBC1.
- April 30 – Television sets manufactured as of this date are required to receive UHF channels.
- May 5 – The documentary film *Seven Up!* is broadcast on ITV in the UK, showing the lives of fourteen school children. Subsequent films in the series have seen them interviewed every seven years since.
- June 6 – The Rolling Stones make their American TV debut on *The Hollywood Palace*.
- July – The British Associated Television's series *Emergency – Ward 10* shows the first kiss on television between black and white actors, Joan Hooley playing surgeon Louise Mahler and John White playing Dr. Giles Farmer.
- August 1 – The official launch of Melbourne's third commercial television station ATV-0, signaling the beginning of what is now Network Ten.
- September 17 – The new sitcom Bewitched pilot airs starring Elizabeth Montgomery, Dick York, and Agnes Moorehead
- October 10 – NBC, in the United States, airs the 1964 Summer Olympics opening ceremony at Tokyo, Japan, with first time of live Olympic telecast program by geostationary communication satellite Syncom 3. This telecast marks NBC's first Olympic broadcasting stint.
- October 18 – Jackie Mason appears on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and is subsequently banned after he seemingly gives Ed "the finger" on the air.
- October 25 – The Rolling Stones make their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. The next day, Mr. Sullivan insists that he'll never have them back.
- November 26 – Pakistan Television Corporation airs the first television broadcasts in Pakistan.
- December 6 – NBC debuts the Christmas special Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer. It will become a holiday tradition, moving to CBS in 1972.
- December 7 – Tongyang Television Broadcasting Station, officially launched on air in Seoul, South Korea, the television station taking over to KBS 2TV on November 30, 1980.[*citation needed*]

Programs/programmes[edit]

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- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)

- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mister Ed* (1961–1966)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Petticoat Junction* (1963–1970)
- *Ready Steady Go!* (1963–1966)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1968)
- *The Avengers*, UK (1961–1969)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–1971)
- *The Dick Van Dyke Show* (1961–1966)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flintstones* (1960–1966)
- *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968)

- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Jack Benny Show* (1950–1965)
- *The Late Late Show*, Ireland (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–1968)
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- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–69 with this title)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Wide World of Sports* (1961–1997)
- *Z-Cars*, UK (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 1 – *Top of the Pops* on BBC television (1964–2006)
- January 4 – *The Hollywood Palace* on ABC (1964–1970)
- January 10 – *That Was The Week That Was* *(TW3)* on NBC-TV as a half-hour satirical revue broadcast live from New York after a successful hour-long special on November 10, 1963. The show, based on the BBC program of the same name, ran through May 4, 1965. It was revived as a one-time ABC special in 1985, and as a segment on ABC's *Primetime Live* ca. 2004–05.
- March 30 – The game show *Jeopardy!* on NBC daytime TV (1964–75, 1978–79, 1984–)
- May 4 – The American soap opera *Another World* on NBC at 3:00 p.m. ET, as a half-hour show (1964–99)
- September 14 – *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* on ABC (1964–1968)
- September 15 – *Peyton Place* on ABC (1964–1969)
- September 16 – *Shindig!* on ABC (1964–1966)
- September 17 – *Bewitched* on ABC (1964–1972)
- September 18
    - *The Addams Family* on ABC (1964–1966)
    - *Jonny Quest* on ABC (1964–1965)
- September 19 – *Flipper* on NBC (1964–1967)
- September 22 – *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* on NBC (1964–1968)
- September 24
    - *Daniel Boone* on NBC (1964–1970)
    - *The Munsters* on CBS (1964–1966)
- September 25 – *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* on CBS (1964–1969)
- September 26 – *Gilligan's Island* on CBS (1964–1967)
- October 3 – *Underdog* on NBC (1964–1967)
- October 4 – *This Hour Has Seven Days* on CBC (1964–66)

- October 13 – *Danger Man* returns to ITV after being canceled in 1961; It would later air on CBS as *Secret Agent* (1960–61, 1964–66)
- October 28 – *The Wednesday Play* on BBC1 (1964–1970)
- November 2 – *Crossroads* on ITV (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *The Mavis Bramston Show* on ATN-7 in Australia (1964–1968)
- *Spokoynoy nochi, malyshi!* (Спокойной ночи, малыши!, "Good Night, Little Ones!") in the Soviet Union (1964–present)

Ending this year[edit]

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<tr><td>Zoo Quest (UK)</td><td>1954</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Unknown</td><td>Sing Along with Mitch</td><td>1961</td></tr>
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Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 1	Clare Holman	British actress (*Inspector Morse*)
February 15	Chris Farley	Actor and comedian (*Saturday Night Live*) (d. 1997)

February 20	French Stewart	Actor (*3rd Rock from the Sun*)
April 7	Russell Crowe	New Zealander actor
April 25	Hank Azaria	Actor (*The Simpsons*)
May 11	Katie Wagner	American presenter
June 15	Courteney Cox	Actress (*Friends*)
June 17	Erin Murphy	Actress (Tabitha Stephens on *Bewitched*)
June 23	Joss Whedon	Writer, director, producer (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*)
July 3	Yeardley Smith	Voice actress (Lisa Simpson on *The Simpsons*)
July 22	David Spade	Actor and comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
	John Leguizamo	Actor
September 2	Keanu Reeves	Actor
November 4	Kurt Krakowian	Actor
November 11	Calista Flockhart	Actress (*Ally McBeal*, *Supergirl*)
November 14	Bill Hemmer	US news anchor

November 21	Liza Tarbuck	English actress and presenter (*Watching*)
December 8	Teri Hatcher	Actress (*Desperate Housewives*)
December 18	Stone Cold Steve Austin	WWE wrestler

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
August 28	Gracie Allen	69	Actress/comedian (*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show*)

1965 in television

The year **1965 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in 1965.

For the American TV schedule, see: 1965-66 American network television schedule.

Events[edit]

- February 22 – A new, videotaped production of the 1957 special *Cinderella*, by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, airs on CBS with young Lesley Ann Warren (in the title role) starring alongside Ginger Rogers, Walter Pidgeon, and Celeste Holm.
- March 24 – Live TV pictures from the US unmanned moon probe Ranger 9 are transmitted prior to its impact.
- April 5 – TEN10 opens in Sydney, Australia, with the highlight of the opening night being the variety special *TV Spells Magic*.
- April 15 – Paul Bryan (Ben Gazzara) gets bad news from his doctor and sets out to do all the things he never had time for, in the Kraft Suspense Theatre episode entitled "Rapture at Two-Forty." This will serve as the pilot for the series *Run for Your Life*, which will premiere on September 13 and run until 1968.

- April 21 – The Beach Boys appear on *Shindig!* performing their most recent hit, "Do You Wanna Dance?"

- April 28 – *My Name Is Barbra*, Barbra Streisand's first TV special, airs on CBS.

- May 2 – The Rolling Stones make their second appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

- June 4 – The launch of the Gemini 4 space mission is broadcast in color by NBC. All three networks would carry the launch of Gemini 5 in color that August and all subsequent manned space launches.

- June 18 – The original scheduled launch date of the "station that never was", WDV-11 in Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia. The city government had decreed in November 1963 that television could never be introduced in Warrnambool.

- August 1 – Cigarette adverts are banned from UK television, though pipe tobacco and cigar adverts continue until 1992.

- August 6 – BBC withdraws a planned airing of *The War Game* on BBC1's *Wednesday Play* anthology series; the network, officially, deems the film's depiction of a fictional nuclear attack on the United Kingdom and its aftermath as "too horrifying" to air on television, though it was widely believed that government pressure led to the banning. The film would win the 1966 Academy Award for Documentary Feature, and BBC would not screen the film on-air until 1985.

- September 10 – The first *National Geographic Special*, a chronicle of a 1963 U.S. expedition to Mount Everest, airs on CBS.

- September 12 – NBC takes over telecasts of the American Football League with most of the games being broadcast in color.

- September 12 – The Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, for the fourth & final time, performing songs from their new album *Help!*. This appearance was videotaped on August 14 before the group launched their U.S. tour the following night at Shea Stadium (Sunday, August 15, 1965).

- September 13 – *Today* on NBC goes color.

- October 4 – Pope Paul VI's visit to New York receives saturation television coverage on all 3 American networks. The Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium is broadcast in color.

- October 17 – WBMG-TV in Birmingham, Alabama launches on channel 42, sharing dual CBS/NBC affiliation with crosstown WAPI-TV—and allowing viewers in the Birmingham market to watch more programming from those networks that WAPI did not have room for (including *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The CBS Evening News*, and *The Tonight Show*). The setup lasts until 1970, when WAPI takes sole affiliation with NBC and WBMG does the same with CBS. At the same time, WCFT-33 in Tuscaloosa and WHMA-40 in Anniston become exclusive affiliates of CBS. Like WBMG, Channels 33 and 40 were dual affiliates of NBC and CBS.

- November 5 – Katie Holstrum (Inger Stevens) and Congressman Glen Morley (William Windom) are married in *The Farmer's Daughter* episode entitled "To Have and To Hold".

- November 15 – *The Huntley-Brinkley Report* on NBC goes color on a regular basis, the first network evening newscast to be colorcast nightly.

- November 25 – CBS airs the first color broadcast of an NFL football game, a Thanksgiving Day matchup between the Baltimore Colts and Detroit Lions.

- November 28 – Julie Andrews' first TV special airs on NBC.

- December 4 – *TV Guide* launches its Montana edition and now covers all of the contiguous U.S. (A Hawaii edition will be launched in 1968.)

- December 9 – *A Charlie Brown Christmas* premieres on CBS.

- December 21 – A production of *The Nutcracker* by the New York City Ballet airs on CBS.

Also in 1965

- First television broadcasts in Paraguay.

- Three independently-affiliated stations in the Philadelphia market—The "Other Big 3 in Philly"—start operations: WIBF (channel 29) opens on May 16; WKBS-TV (channel 48) opens on September 1 (and operates until 1983); and WPHL-TV (channel 17) opens on September 17.

- Motorola introduces the first succussful rectangular tube color TV to the mass market.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)

- *Another World* (1964–1999)

- *Armchair Theatre* (UK) (1956–1968)

- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)

- *Ben Casey* (1961–1966)

- *Bewitched* (1964–1972)

- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)

- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)

- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)

- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)

- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Combat!* (1962–1967)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *Danger Man* (UK) (1960–1961, 1964–1966)
- *Daniel Boone* (1964–1970)
- *Days of Our Lives (soap opera) (1965–present)*
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Flipper* (1964–1967)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Smart* (1965–1970)
- *Gidget* (1965–1966)
- *Gilligan's Island* (1964–1967)
- *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (1964–1970)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *I Dream Of Jeannie* (1965–1970)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)

- *Jonny Quest* (1964–1965)
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
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- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
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- *The Addams Family* (1964–1966)
- *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1952–1966)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1968)
- *The Avengers* (UK) (1961–1969)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–1971)
- *The Dick Van Dyke Show* (1961–1966)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Donna Reed Show* (1958–1966)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)

- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flintstones* (1960–1966)
- *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Honeymooners* (1952–1970)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–1968)
- *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (1964–1968)
- *The Mavis Bramston Show* (Australia) (1964–1968)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Munsters* (1964–1966)
- *The Patty Duke Show* (1963–1966)
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- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Wednesday Play* (UK) (1964–1970)
- *This Hour Has Seven Days* (1964–1966)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)

- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–1969)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 2 – *World of Sport* on ITV in the UK with Eamonn Andrews as its first host (1965–1985)
- June 28 – Dick Clark's *Where the Action Is* on ABC daytime (1965–1967)
- September 13 – *Run for Your Life* on NBC (see above)
- September 14
  - *My Mother the Car* on NBC (1965–1966)
  - *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* on NBC (1965–1967)
- September 15 –
  - *Lost in Space* (1965–1968)
  - *Green Acres* (1965–1971) on CBS; on ABC
  - *The Big Valley* premieres (1965–1969)
  - *Gidget* (1965–1966), and on NBC
  - *I Spy* (1965–1968)
- September 16 – *The Dean Martin Show* on NBC (1965–1974)
- September 17 – *The Wild Wild West* (1965–1969) and *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–1971) on CBS
- September 18 – *I Dream of Jeannie* and *Get Smart* on NBC (both 1965–1970)
- September 19 – *The F.B.I.* on ABC (1965–1974)
- September 30 – *Thunderbirds* on the ITV network (1965–1966)
- November 8 – The soap opera *Days of Our Lives* on NBC (1965–present)

- December 20 – game shows *Supermarket Sweep* (1965–1967) and *The Dating Game* (1965–1973) on ABC's daytime schedule
- *Quentin Durgens, M.P.* (1965–1969)
- *United!* on BBC1 in the UK (1965–1967)
- *The White Horses* as *Počitnice v Lipici* on RTV Ljubljana in Yugoslavia and as *Ferien in Lipizza* on Südwestfunk in West Germany (c.1965–1967)

Ending during 1965[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 16	*The Outer Limits*	1963
March 11	*Jonny Quest*	1964
May 22	*The Jack Benny Program*	1950
September 3	*The Price Is Right*	1956

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
My Three Sons	ABC	CBS
Hazel	NBC	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

January 3	Penny Smith	Television presenter
January 4	Julia Ormond	Actress (*Witches of East End*)
January 22	Diane Lane	Actress (*Lonesome Dove*)
February 3	Maura Tierney	Actress (*ER*)
February 7	Chris Rock	Actor and comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
February 23	Kristin Davis	Actress (Charlotte on *Sex and the City*)
March 25	Sarah Jessica Parker	Actress (Carrie on *Sex and the City*)
April 16	Martin Lawrence	Actor and comedian (*Martin*)
	Jon Cryer	Actor (*Two and a Half Men*)
April 26	Kevin James	Actor (*The King of Queens*)
May 7	Owen Hart	Canadian wrestler (WWF)
May 23	Melissa McBride	Actress (*The Walking Dead*)
May 27	Todd Bridges	Actor (Willis on *Diff'rent Strokes*)
May 31	Brooke Shields	Actress (*Suddenly Susan*) and model
July 7	Jeremy Kyle	TV presenter (*The Jeremy Kyle Show*)

July 22	Shawn Michaels	Wrestler (WWE)
August 6	Mark Speight	British television presenter (*SMart*)
August 10	Claudia Christian	Actress (*Babylon 5*)
August 29	Dina Spybey	Actress
September 3	Charlie Sheen	Actor (*Two and a Half Men*)
September 9	Constance Marie	Actress (*George Lopez*)
November 4	Kiersten Warren	Actress (*Saved by the Bell: The College Years*)
November 21	Alexander Siddig	Actor (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*)
November 30	Ben Stiller	Actor / producer (*The Ben Stiller Show*)
December 21	Andy Dick	Actor (*NewsRadio*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 15	Nat King Cole	45	Actor and singer (*The Nat King Cole Show*)
April 27	Edward R. Murrow	57	CBS newsman

1966 in television

- *For the American TV schedule, see: 1966-67 American network television schedule.*

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The year **1966 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in that year.

Events[edit]

- January 3 – *Hullabaloo* shows promotional videos of The Beatles songs "Day Tripper" and "We Can Work It Out".
- January 8 – *Shindig!* airs for the last time on ABC, with musical guests the Kinks and the Who.
- January 11 – Dorothy Malone resumes the role of Constance Carson on *Peyton Place* (she had been temporarily replaced by Lola Albright).
- January 12 - The first episode of *Batman (TV Series)* ("Hi Diddle Riddle") is aired on ABC starring *Adam West* & *Burt Ward*
- January 13 – Tabitha is born on the *Bewitched* episode titled, "And Then There Were Three."
- February 1 – KFBB-TV in Great Falls, Montana becomes the first station in that state to affiliate primarily with ABC.
- February 5 – *ABC Scope* begins to devote itself exclusively to coverage of the Vietnam war.
- February 13 - The Rolling Stones make another appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

- February 15 – Citing circumstances beyond his control, Fred Friendly resigns from CBS News.
- February 18 – *An Evening with Carol Channing* airs on CBS.
- February 23 – Television comes to Greece with the launch of ERT.
- February 27 – *Perry Mason* airs its only color episode, "The Case of the Twice-Told Twist."
- March 30 – The special *Color Me Barbra*, with Barbra Streisand, airs on CBS.
- April 18 – The Academy Awards air in color for the first time, on ABC.
- May 15 – The first Japanese popular *Owarai* variety show program, *Shoten*, debuts on Nippon Television Network, and will be watched by more than 25 million Japanese every week.
- June 5 – The Beatles make a taped appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, debuting their music videos for "Rain" and "Paperback Writer."
- June – ABS-CBN introduces color television to the Philippines, using NTSC.
- July 1 – Color television is launched in Canada in both English and French, also using NTSC.
- July 10 – Ultraman debuts on TBS in Japan. The character would spawn over 16 television adaptions over the next 40 years.
- July 16 – The Miss Universe pageant goes color.
- July 30 - An all-time record United Kingdom television audience of more than 32,000,000 watches the England national football team beat West Germany 4-2 to win the FIFA World Cup at Wembley.
- August 6 – In a post-fight interview, Howard Cosell honors Muhammad Ali's wishes to no longer be referred to as Cassius Clay, contrasting with the approach of most other sports reporters of the time.
- Summer – Patrick McGoohan quits the popular spy series *Danger Man* (aired in the US as *Secret Agent*) after filming only two episodes of the fourth season, in order to produce and star in *The Prisoner*, which begins filming in September.
- September 8 – The first episode of *Star Trek* ("The Man Trap") is aired.
- September 9 - The first episode of *The Green Hornet* ("The Silent Gun") is aired on ABC starring "Van Williams" & "Bruce Lee"
- September 10 – A night of firsts for the Miss America Pageant—its first color TV broadcast and its first airing on NBC.

- September 11 - The Rolling Stones make another appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

- September 19 – Color television comes to Alaska as KENI-TV airs the premiere episode of *That Girl* ("Don't Just Do Something, Stand There", which had aired in the "lower 48" on September 8).

- October 2 – The four-part serial *Talking to a Stranger*, acclaimed as one of the finest British television dramas of the 1960s, begins transmission in the *Theatre 625* strand on BBC2.

- October 6 – After quickly cancelling *The Tammy Grimes Show*, ABC fills the void by launching a prime-time edition of *The Dating Game*. The show's success leads to *The Newlywed Game's* own prime-time edition in January 1967.

- October 15 – A TV version of the musical *Brigadoon* is telecast on ABC as a special, using an updated script and story line and re-introducing some of the songs cut from the 1954 movie. The production stars Robert Goulet, Peter Falk and Sally Ann Howes, also featuring Edward Villella and Marlyn Mason. The special airs only one other time, in 1967, before disappearing completely.

- October 17 – All of NBC's news programming begins airing in full-color.

- October 27 – *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* airs for the first time on CBS.

- October 29 – Actor William Hartnell makes his last regular appearance as the First Doctor in the concluding moments of Episode 4 of the Doctor Who serial *The Tenth Planet*. Actor Patrick Troughton briefly appears as the Second Doctor at the conclusion of the serial.

- November 5 – Actor Patrick Troughton appears in his first full Doctor Who serial *The Power of the Daleks* as the Second Doctor.

- November 16 – *Cathy Come Home*, one of the best-known plays ever to be televised in the UK, is presented in BBC1's *The Wednesday Play* anthology strand.

- November 19 – First live 2-way satellite telecasts between Hawaii (KHVH-TV, now KITV) and the Mainland (ABC), via the Lani Bird satellite.

- December 18 – CBS airs the television adaptation of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* for the first time.

- December 21 – *A Christmas Memory*, a recounting of Truman Capote's childhood experiences as captured in his 1956 memoir, is adapted for television on *ABC Stage 67*. Frank Perry directs, Capote himself narrates, and Geraldine Page (in an Emmy-winning performance) stars.

- December 24 – WPIX in New York City premieres the *Yule Log* Christmas special which ran every year from 1966 to 1989, but returned in 2001.

Also in 1966

- The 1951–53 CBS sitcom *Amos & Andy* is pulled from syndication broadcast due to complaints from civil rights organizations.

- Macdonald Carey starts reciting the epigram "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives" at the beginning of his soap opera, *Days of Our Lives*, a tradition that continues today, over a decade after his death.

Programs/programmes[edit]

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- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Combat!* (1962–1967)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Daniel Boone* (1964–1970)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who* (1963–present)
- *F Troop* (1965–1967)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Flipper* (1964–1967)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)

- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Smart* (1965–1970)
- *Gilligan's Island* (1964–1967)
- *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (1964–1969)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Green Acres* (1965–1971)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–1971)
- *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965–1970)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Juke Box Jury* (1959–1967, 1979, 1989–1990)
- *Lost in Space* (1965–1968)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Perry Mason* (1957–1966)
- *Petticoat Junction* (1963–1970)
- *Peyton Place* (1964–1969)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1968)

- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–1968)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–1971)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–1974)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Fugitive* (1964–1967)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Honeymooners* (1952–1970)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–1968)
- *The Marvel Super Heroes (1966)*
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Milton Berle Show* (1954–1967)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)

- *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* (1964–1968)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*(1961–1969)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *What's My Line* (1950–1967)

Debuts[edit]

- January 2 – *Ultra Q* on *TBS* in Japan (1966)
- January 3 - *Eye Guess* on NBC-TV Daytime (1966–1969)
- January 11 – *Daktari* on CBS (1966–1969)
- January 12 – *Batman* on ABC (1966–1968)
- April 5 – *The Money Programme* on BBC2 (1966–present)
- June 6 – *Till Death Us Do Part* on BBC1
- June 27 – *Dark Shadows* on ABC (1966–1971)
- July 4 - *Showdown* & *Chain Letter* both on NBC daytime (canceled on October 14)
- July 11 – *The Newlywed Game* on ABC (1966–1974)
- July 17 – *Ultraman* on *TBS* in Japan (1966–1967)
- July 18 –
  - The Australian version of *Play School* on that country's ABC (1966–present)
  - *The 700 Club* (1966–present)
  - *W-FIVE* (1966–present)
  - *Wojeck* (1966–1968)
- September 8 –
  - *Star Trek* on NBC (1966–1969)
  - *That Girl* on ABC (1966–1971)
  - Tarzan on NBC (1966–1968)

- September 9 –
  - *The Green Hornet* on ABC (1966–1967)
  - *The Time Tunnel* on ABC (1966–1967)
- September 12 –
  - *The Monkees* on NBC (1966–1968)
  - *Family Affair* on CBS (1966–1971)
  - *The Iron Horse*
  - *The Rat Patrol* premiere on ABC (both 1966–1968)
- September 13 - *The Girl from U.N.C.L.E.* on NBC (1966–1967)
- September 17 – *Mission: Impossible* on CBS (1966–1973)
- September 20 – *Rue des Pignons* on SRC (1966–1977)
- October 3 - *Joe* on BBC1
- October 9 – *Rocket Robin Hood* (1966–1969)
- October 11 – SRC launches its first made-in-Quebec sitcom, *Moi et l'autre* (1966–1971)
- October 17 – *The Hollywood Squares* on NBC daytime (1966–1980)
- October 29 – *The Mighty Heroes* on CBS (1966–1967)
- December 23 – *Hoolihan & Big Chuck* on WJW-TV, Cleveland, Ohio, United States (1966–1979)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 4	*Rawhide*	1959
January 8	*Shindig!*	1964

February 6	*Mister Ed*	1961
March 19	*The Donna Reed Show*	1958
March 21	*Ben Casey*	1961
April 1	*The Flintstones*	1960
April 7	*Danger Man* (UK)	1964
April 8	*The Addams Family*	
April 12	*McHale's Navy*	1962
May 4	*The Patty Duke Show*	1963
May 8	*This Hour Has Seven Days*	1964
May 12	*The Munsters*	
May 22	*Perry Mason*	1957
June 1	*The Dick Van Dyke Show*	1961
July 3	*Ultra Q* (Japan)	1966
August 29	*Hullabaloo*	1965
September 3	*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*	1952

September 4	*My Favorite Martian*	1963
October 14	*Showdown* & *Chain Letter*	1966
December 16	*WJW-TV's Shock Theater*	1963
December 23	*Ready Steady Go!*	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
February 19	Justine Bateman	Actress (*Family Ties*)
May 20	Mindy Cohn	Actress (*The Facts of Life*)
May 23	H. Jon Benjamin	Actor (*Bob's Burgers*)
June 28	Sara Stewart	Actress (*Sugar Rush*)
June 30	Mike Tyson	Boxer
July 3	Sandra Lee	Author, chef/host
July 11	Debbe Dunning	Actress (*Home Improvement*)
July 29	Richard Steven Horvitz	Actor (*The Angry Beavers*, *Invader ZIM*)
August 14	Halle Berry	Actress (*Living Dolls*)
September 9	Adam Sandler	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)

November 2	David Schwimmer	Actor (*Friends*)
December 21	Kiefer Sutherland	Canadian actor (*24*)
December 27	Bill Goldberg	WCW wrestler

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
March 3	Alice Pearce	48	Actress (Gladys Kravitz #1 on *Bewitched*)
	William Frawley	79	Actor (Fred Mertz on *I Love Lucy* and Bub O'Casey on *My Three Sons*)
June 19	Ed Wynn	79	Comedian (*The Ed Wynn Show*)
September 14	Gertrude Berg	66	Actress (*The Goldbergs*)
September 28	Eric Fleming	41	Actor (Gil Favor on *Rawhide*)
December 15	Walt Disney	65	Founder of Walt Disney Company (host of *Disney TV series*)

1967 in television

The year **1967 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in 1967.

Events[edit]

- January 15 – The inaugural Super Bowl is simulcast on CBS and NBC
- January 15 – The Rolling Stones appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, where, at Sullivan's insistence, they perform Let's Spend the Night Together" as "Let's spend some time together"
- January 29 – The first CBS Playhouse presentation, *The Final War of Olly Winter*, is televised
- February 16 – The first airing of "Space Seed", the *Star Trek* television episode that introduces popular villain Khan Noonien Singh, as played by Ricardo Montalbán
- February 23 – The Beatles make a taped appearance on *American Bandstand*, where they premiere their new music videos for the songs "Penny Lane" and "Strawberry Fields Forever"
- February 25 – Gene Kelly stars in *Jack and the Beanstalk*; airing on NBC and produced by Hanna-Barbera, it is the first TV special to combine live action and animation
- March – *Gunsmoke* is renewed by CBS for the fall 1967 season. Aging (it was completing its 12th season) and declining in the ratings, CBS planned to cancel the western, but protests from viewers, network affiliates and even members of Congress and especially William S. Paley, the head of the network, lead the network to move the series from its longtime late Saturday time slot to early Mondays for the fall—displacing *Gilligan's Island*, which initially had been renewed for the fall but is cancelled instead. *Gunsmoke* would remain on CBS until 1975.
- March 6 - *Mark Twain Tonight!* starring Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain, premieres on CBS.
- March 11 – This was the last day that French-language TV stations in Canada were required to run "personals" (classified advertising) between 6–7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- May 1 – The United Network (initially known as the Overmyer Network) launches broadcasting with the talk/variety show *The Las Vegas Show*—which would be the only show it airs, as both network and show disappear in June due in part to transmission expenses.
- May – David Dortort appoints himself executive producer of *Bonanza*, a move which takes him out of the day-to-day running of the show but allows him to spend his efforts on another NBC western, *The High Chaparral*.
- June 12 – The 4th *Peanuts* TV special, *You're in Love, Charlie Brown*, with a springtime theme, has its premiere on CBS.
- June 15 – ATV0, Melbourne, launches color television in Australia with live coverage of the Pakenham races.
- June 25 – The special *Our World* becomes the first live worldwide "via satellite" TV broadcast, transmitting to 30 countries. Performers include Mick Jagger, Marianne Faithfull, Keith Richards, Keith Moon, Eric Clapton, Pattie Harrison, Jane Asher, Graham

Nash, Hunter Davies, and The Beatles (who perform "All You Need Is Love," a song composed especially for the occasion).

- July 1 – With live coverage from the Wimbledon Championships, BBC2 becomes Europe's first regular colour TV broadcaster.
- July 28 – In the VPRO television show *Hoepla*, model Phil Bloom flashes nude in front of the cameras. Several angry viewers complain by sending letters of protests.
- August 6 – Formula One has its first colour TV broadcast, as the 1967 German Grand Prix raced at Nürburgring is colorcast to a West German audience on an experimental basis.
- August 21 – ABC's *Dark Shadows* and CBS's *As the World Turns* are the first daytime soaps on their respective networks to go color.
- August 25 – Color television is officially launched in West Germany (simultaneously by ARD and ZDF) at precisely 9:30 a.m., with a symbolic launch button pressed by Willy Brandt at the Internationale Funkausstellung Berlin.
- August 29 – *The Fugitive* finale proves to be one of the most-watched episodes of the decade.
- September 2 – At 12:30 PM, Channel 9 in Sioux City, Iowa switches from being KVTV (CBS basic) to KCAU-TV (ABC full-time)
- September 9 – NBC airs what will prove to be the pilot of *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*; which would have its actual series premiere on January 22, 1968
- September 10 – The Who destroys their instruments during a performance on *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*
- September 17 – The Doors appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and perform "Light My Fire". Sullivan had requested that the line "Girl we couldn't get much higher" be changed for the show, but Jim Morrison performs it the way it was written and the band is banned from the show as a result.
- October 1 – First colour television was introduced in France, RSFSR and BSSR using SECAM system.
- October 1 – In the VPRO TV show *Hoepla*, model Phil Bloom is seen reading a newspaper; when she folds the newspaper, she is completely nude (the first time someone appears nude in a television program)
- November 19 – TVB launches free-to-air television in Hong Kong
- November 27 – Thai Army Television converts from System M (a 525-line screen) to System B (625 lines) in preparation for PAL color
- December 2 – Colour television is officially launched on BBC2

- December 11 – NBC airs the all-star special Movin' With Nancy
- December 26 – The Beatles' *Magical Mystery Tour* airs on BBC1 in the UK

Also in 1967

- All CBS soap operas transition from live to tape broadcasts
- PAL and SECAM video standards introduced
- A taped appearance by The Beatles on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, premiering their new music video for the song "Hello Goodbye"
- The FCC orders that cigarette ads on television, radio and in print must include a warning about the health risks of smoking
- The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is established
- Cissy King replaces Barbara Boylan as Bobby Burgess's dance partner on *The Lawrence Welk Show*.

Programs/Programmes[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–89)
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- *Batman* (1966–68)
- *Bewitched* (1964–72)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bonanza* (1959–73)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–84)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–95)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)

- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–88, 2001–03)
- *Daniel Boone* (1964–70)
- *Dark Shadows* (1966–71)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–76)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–89, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Family Affair* (1966–71)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Smart* (1965–70)
- *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (1964–70)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Green Acres* (1965–71)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–75)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–71)
- *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965–70)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–75, 1984–present)
- *Lost in Space* (1965–68)
- *Love of Life* (1951–80)
- *Match Game* (1962–69, 1973–84, 1990–91, 1998–99)

- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mission: Impossible* (1966–73)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–88, 2002–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–72)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–78)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Petticoat Junction* (1963–70)
- *Peyton Place* (1964–69)
- *Play School* (1966–present)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–86)
- *Star Trek* (1966–69)
- *That Girl* (1966–71)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–68)
- *The Avengers* (UK) (1961–69)
- *The Bell Telephone Hour* (1959–68)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–71)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–74)
- *The Doctors* (1963–82)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–71)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–84)
- *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–68)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–83)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Honeymooners* (1952–70)

- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–82)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–68)
- *The Mavis Bramston Show* (Australia) (1964–68)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–82)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)
- *The Monkees* (1966–68)
- *The Mothers-in-Law* (1967–69)
- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–74)
- *The Saint* (UK) (1962–69)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–74)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–92)
- *The Wednesday Play* (UK) (1964–70)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–72, 1975–77, 1980–82)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–88)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961–69)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *World of Sport* (1965–85)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–78)

Debuts[edit]

- January 7
  - *The Forsyte Saga*, BBC drama in 26 50-minute episodes
  - A prime-time edition of *The Newlywed Game* (1967–71) on ABC
- January 9 – Mr. Terrific on CBS (Last aired on August 27, 1967)
- January 13 – *Rango* on ABC (Last aired on September 1, 1967)
- February 5 – *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* (1967–69) on CBS
- February 13 – *Mr. Dressup* (1967–96) on CBC
- July 3 – *News at Ten* (1967–99, 2001–04, 2008–present) on ITV in the UK
- September 5
  - *The Prisoner* on Canada's CTV Television Network
  - *Good Morning, World* on CBS (1967–1968)
- September 6 – *He & She* (1967–68) and *Dundee and the Culhane* (Fall 1967 only) both on CBS
- September 7
  - *The Flying Nun* (1967–70) on ABC
  - *Cimarron Strip* (1967–68) on CBS
- September 8 – *Hondo* (ended December 29, 1967) on ABC
- September 9 – *Spider-Man* (1967–70) on ABC
- September 10 - *The Mothers-in-Law* (1967–69) and *The High Chaparral* (1967–71) both on NBC
- September 11 – *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–78) on CBS
- September 14 – *Ironside* (1967–75) on NBC
- September 16 – *Mannix* (1967–75) on CBS
- September 18 – *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* (1967–73) on CBS daytime

- September 29 – *The Prisoner* has its UK on ATV and Grampian Television
- October 1 – *Ultra Seven* (1967–68) on *TBS* in Japan
- December 26 – *Do Not Adjust Your Set* on ITV (1967–69)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 14	*Combat!*	1962
March 17	*The Green Hornet*	1966
April 9	*Ultraman* (Japan)	
April 15	*Flipper*	1964
April 22	*Please Don't Eat the Daisies*	1965
May 21	*Kimba the White Lion* (Japan)	1966
August 29	*The Fugitive*	1963
September 1	*Rango*	1967
September 3	*What's My Line?*	1950
September 4	*Gilligan's Island*	1964

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

January 2	Tia Carrere	American actress
July 1	Pamela Anderson	Model and actress (*Baywatch*)
October 18	Eric Stuart	Voice actor (voice of Brock and James on *Pokémon*) and singer
October 28	Julia Roberts	Actress
November 8	Courtney Thorne-Smith	Actress (*According to Jim*)
November 13	Jimmy Kimmel	Talk show host (*Jimmy Kimmel Live!*)
November 28	Anna Nicole Smith	Model and actress (*The Anna Nicole Show*) (died 2007)
December 13	Jamie Foxx	Actor (*In Living Color*) and singer

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 21	Ann Sheridan	51	Actress (*Another World*)
February 21	Charles Beaumont	38	Screenplay writer (*Twilight Zone*)
May 30	Claude Rains	77	Actor
June 29	Jayne Mansfield	34	Actress

1968 in television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1968-69 American network television schedule.

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The year **1968 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in 1968.

Events[edit]

- January 20 – Houston defeats UCLA 71-69 at the Houston Astrodome in what is billed as "The Game of the Century"; the first prime-time national broadcast of men's college basketball
- January 27 – The Lennon Sisters make their final appearance on *The Lawrence Welk Show*.
- January 31 - Turkey's first national TV channel TRT 1 was opened.
- February 6 - The Xth Olympic Winter Games in Grenoble, France are the first Olympics to be fully broadcast in color for the U.S. market by ABC.
- April 2 – British singer Petula Clark appears on a US television special on NBC with Harry Belafonte as a guest. An innocent, affectionate gesture between the two during a song (Clark touched Belafonte on the arm) prompts concern from the show's sponsor (Chrysler Corporation) due to the difference in their races.

- April 4 – James Brown appears on national television in an attempt to calm feelings of anger in the United States following the assassination of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

- April 6 – The Eurovision Song Contest 1968 is held at the Royal Albert Hall in London, the first to be televised in colour.

- May 2 – The Israel Broadcasting Authority commences television broadcasts.

- May 4 – Mary Hopkin performs on the British TV show *Opportunity Knocks*. Hopkin catches the attention of model Twiggy, who recommends her to Beatle Paul McCartney. McCartney soon signs Hopkin to Apple Records.

- May 20 – Harlech (which will become HTV in 1970) starts its dual service for Wales and the West Country, replacing the interim ITSWW, which had replaced TWW.

- June 2 – The first cricket match to be televised in colour by the BBC, Surrey v International Cavaliers held at Cheam Cricket Club Ground. The game attracted 8,000 people.

- August 3 – The first of ten scheduled debates between public intellectuals William F. Buckley Jr. and Gore Vidal air on ABC News. On the penultimate debate three weeks later, Buckley would infamously call Vidal a queer in response to Vidal styling him a crypto-Nazi.

- October 13 - Actress Bea Benaderet of the popular CBS-TV sitcom Petticoat Junction dies of lung cancer at the age of 62 shortly after the start of the popular program's sixth season.

- October 14 – First live television broadcast from a spacecraft in orbit, during the Apollo 7 mission. There were six broadcasts during the eleven-day mission.

- October 21 – 25 – Joan Crawford makes a guest appearance for five episodes on the soap opera *The Secret Storm,* filling in for her ailing daughter, Christina. However, Joan slurs her lines and is obviously intoxicated during the tapings.

- November 17 – NBC breaks away from a pro football game to air a TV movie adaptation of *Heidi*, sparking furious protest. After the break away, the Oakland Raiders scored two touchdowns to defeat the New York Jets, in the final minute of play.

- November 22 – William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols share the first interracial kiss on US television in the *Star Trek* episode "Plato's Stepchildren".

- December 3 – Elvis Presley's *If I Can Dream* airs on NBC. It was parodied 25 years later in Krusty Gets Kancelled, with Elvis Presley being replaced by Krusty the Clown.

- December 24 – Apollo 8 broadcasts to the Earth, relaying a report that there is a Santa Claus and reading a passage from the Book of Genesis.

Also in 1968

- Rosemary Prinz, one of the first big soap opera stars, leaves *As the World Turns* in a less-than-amicable departure.

- Nearly 200 million households now own television sets, 78 million of which are in the US.
- *The Guiding Light* and *Search for Tomorrow* expand to 30 minutes.
- The last round screen color TV sets are produced by all American manufacturers.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Bewitched* (1964–1972)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *Daniel Boone* (1964–1970)
- *Dark Shadows* (1966–1971)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Do Not Adjust Your Set* (1967–1969)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Family Affair* (1966–1971)

- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Smart* (1965–1970)
- *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (1964–1970)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Green Acres* (1965–1971)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Here's Lucy* (1968–1974)
- *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–1971)
- *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965–1970)
- *Ironside* (1967–1975)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* (1967–1973)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Mannix* (1967–1975)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mission: Impossible* (1966–1973)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
- *Petticoat Junction* (1963–1970)

- *Peyton Place* (1964–1969)
- *Play School* (1966–present)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Spider-Man* (1967–1970)
- *Star Trek* (1966–1969)
- *That Girl* (1966–1971)
- *The Andy Griffith Show* (1960–1971, became Mayberry RFD on September 23 of this year)
- *The Avengers* (UK) (1961–1969)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–1971)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–1974)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flying Nun* (1967–1970)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Honeymooners* (1952–1970)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Lucy Show* (1962–1968)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)
- *The Mothers-in-Law* (1967–1969)

- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–1974)
- *The Saint* (UK) (1962–1969)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* (1967–1969)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Wednesday Play* (UK) (1964–1970)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *TRT 1 Foreign films day* (Turkey) (1968–present)
- *TRT 1 Turkish films day* (Turkey) (1968–present)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961 – July 1971)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 1 – *Vremya* (Вре́мя, "Time") in the Soviet Union (1964–1991, 1994–present)
- January 5 – *Gardeners' World* on BBC1 in the UK (1968–present)
- January 22 – Rowan & Martin's *Laugh-In* on NBC (1968–1973)
- February 19 – National Educational Television begins airing Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
- April – Audubon Wildlife Theatre on CBC (1968–1974)

- May 18 – *The Prisoner* has its U.S. premiere on CBS
- July 15 – *One Life to Live* (created by Agnes Nixon) on ABC (1968–2012, 2013–present)
- July 30 – *Magpie* on ITV in the UK (1968–1980)
- July 31 – Popular sitcom *Dad's Army* run on BBC1 in the UK (1968–1977)
- September – *What's My Line* in first-run syndication (1968–1975)
- September 14
  - *The Archie Show* on CBS Saturday Morning (1968–1969)
  - *The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Hour* on CBS Saturday Morning (1968–1971;1975–1985; known as *The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Show* from 1978–1985)
- September 17 – *Julia* on NBC (1968–1971)
- September 21 – *Adam-12* on NBC (1968–1975)
- September 22 – *Land of the Giants* on ABC (1968–1970)
- September 23 – *Here's Lucy* on CBS (1968–1974)
- September 24
  - *The Doris Day Show* on CBS (1968–1973)
  - *The Mod Squad* on ABC (1968–1973)
  - *60 Minutes* (1968–present) on CBS
- September 25 – *Here Come the Brides* on ABC (1968–1970)
- September 26 – *Hawaii Five-O* on CBS (1968–1980)
- September 29 – *Fabeltjeskrant* on NOS (1968–1989)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 15	*The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*	1964

February 4	*The Prisoner* (UK)	1967
March 6	*Lost in Space*	1965
March 11	*The Lucy Show*	1962
March 14	*Batman*	1966
March 15	*Speed Racer* (Japan)	1967
March 25	*The Monkees*	1966
	Armchair Theatre (UK)	1956
	The Bell Telephone Hour	1959
	The Fulton Sheen Program	1961
	The Stairlit Starways	
September 8	*Ultra Seven* (Japan)	1967
Unknown	*The Mavis Bramston Show* (Australia)	1964

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 2	Cuba Gooding, Jr.	actor

January 14	LL Cool J	actor and rapper
February 1	Pauly Shore	actor and comedian
February 8	Gary Coleman	actor (died 2010)
March 29	Lucy Lawless	actress
April 24	Stacy Haiduk	
July 24	Kristin Chenoweth	actress and singer
August 25	Rachael Ray	author, chef and television host
September 20	Philippa Forrester	television presenter
September 21	Ricki Lake	actress, game show, and talk show hostess
September 25	Will Smith	actor and rapper
September 28	Naomi Watts	actress
October 12	Hugh Jackman	Australian actor
November 18	Owen Wilson	actor
December 3	Brendan Fraser	American actor

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
May 9	Marion Lorne	84	Actress (Aunt Clara on *Bewitched*)
June 7	Dan Duryea	61	Actor (*Peyton Place*)
October 13	Bea Benaderet	62	Actress (Kate on *Petticoat Junction*; the original voice of Betty Rubble on *The Flintstones*)

1969 in television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1969-70 American network television schedule.

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The year **1969 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in 1969.

Events[edit]

- January 4 – NBC expands the *Huntley-Brinkley Report* to Saturdays, with Chet Huntley and David Brinkley alternating weeks anchoring the news solo. Later, mediocre ratings prompt NBC to replace the duo with other newsmen, with the broadcast rechristened *NBC Saturday News*.

- January 13 – Dick York collapses on the set of *Bewitched* and is rushed to the hospital. He resigns from the show due to health reasons and is replaced by Dick Sargent.

- February 5 – ABC runs the one and only airing of the notorious flop *Turn-On*.

- February 9 – CBS presents the Royal Shakespeare Company's version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, starring Diana Rigg, David Warner, and Helen Mirren.

- February 19 – At exactly 4:31 p.m. at the CBS Studio Center, with Jim Nabors saying the line "How interesting – and did she?", *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* shoots its final scene and completes its run.

- March 29 – Lulu performs "Boom Bang-a-Bang" at the Eurovision Song Contest 1969 in Madrid, and ends up in a four-way tie for first place, with 18 votes.

- April 4 – CBS bans the *Smothers Brothers*. Three days later, Walter Cronkite opens the evening newscast by confirming that the *Smothers Brothers* have been replaced by *Hee Haw* – effective immediately. But because it takes two months to assemble a typical *Hee-Haw* segment, CBS has to fill the time period with specials until *Hee Haw* premieres on June 15.

- April 11 – Rome, as only he could see it, is presented in *Fellini, a Director's Notebook*, an NBC special.

- April 13 – Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore are reunited for a special, *Dick Van Dyke and the Other Woman*, on CBS.

- June 3 – The science fiction television series *Star Trek* airs its final new episode after being canceled by NBC. Its subsequent sale into rerun syndication soon after leads to a rise in popularity that transforms *Star Trek* into one of the century's most successful entertainment franchises.

- June 21 – Patrick Troughton makes his last regular appearance as the Second Doctor in the concluding moments of Episode 10 of the *Doctor Who* serial *The War Games*. It also marks the final time that the series was broadcast in black and white.

- Summer – In a surprise announcement, Martin Landau and Barbara Bain announce they are leaving the cast of *Mission: Impossible*. Landau's replacement is former *Star Trek* actor Leonard Nimoy, while a permanent replacement for Bain would not be chosen until the 1970–71 season.

- July 3 – An elephant called Lulu runs amok on *Blue Peter*. The clip is subsequently repeated many times, becoming the archetypal British TV "blooper".

- July 20 – A live transmission from the Moon is viewed by 720 million people around the world, with the landing of Apollo 11: at 10:56 p.m. EDT on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto the surface of the Moon, broadcast live.[1]

- July 25 – Senator Edward Kennedy goes on TV to talk about the incident at Chappaquiddick

- August 14 – Roman Polanski goes on TV to give his take on the Tate-LaBianca murders.

- August 18 – CBS pits Merv Griffin against Johnny Carson in the late-night talk-show arena – Carson wins.
- September 1 – TV Globo launches its first news and current-affairs program, *Jornal Nacional*, running Monday through Saturday.
- September 8 – From now on, all daytime programs on ABC and CBS are in color.
- September 26 – *The Brady Bunch* premieres on ABC.
- October 18 – The Jackson 5 make their national television debut on *The Hollywood Palace*.
- November 10 - *Sesame Street* makes its debut on NET (later PBS)
- November 12 – The animated special *Hey, Hey, Hey, It's Fat Albert*, based on Bill Cosby's stand-up comedy, airs on NBC (it would be the inspiration for the later Saturday-morning cartoon, *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*).
- November 13 – Vice-President Spiro Agnew, in a televised speech from Des Moines, Iowa, stirs up a national controversy by attacking the network news commentaries.
- November 15 – Colour introduced to BBC1 and ITV in the UK.
- November 16 – The Rolling Stones make their final appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.
- December 2 – In tonight's episode of *I Dream of Jeannie*, Jeannie (Barbara Eden) finally becomes Mrs. Anthony Nelson
- December 12 – *The Archies' Sugar Sugar Jingle Jangle Christmas Show* airs on CBS. It is not a success.
- December 17 – Tiny Tim gets married on Johnny Carson's *The Tonight Show*.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *Adam-12* (1968-1975)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–89)
- *Another World* (1964–99)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Bewitched* (1964–1972)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)

- *Bonanza* (1959–73)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–84)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–95)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–88, 2001–03)
- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–77)
- *Daniel Boone* (1964–70)
- *Dark Shadows* (1966–71)
- *Dragnet (franchise)* (1951-1959, 1967-1970)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–76)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–89, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Family Affair* (1966–71)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Smart* (1965–70)
- *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (1964–70)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Green Acres* (1965–71)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–75)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)

- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–80)
- *Here Come the Brides* (1968–70)
- *Here's Lucy* (1968–74)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–71)
- *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965–70)
- *Ironside* (1967–75)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–75, 1984–present)
- *Julia* (1968–71)
- *Kimba the White Lion* (1966–67)
- *Laugh-In* (1968–73)
- *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* (1967–73)
- *Love of Life* (1951–80)
- *Magpie* (UK) (1968–80)
- *Mannix* (1967–75)
- *Mayberry R.F.D.* (a continuation of The Andy Griffith Show, 1960–71)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mission: Impossible* (1966–73)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–88, 2002–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–72)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–78)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)

- *Petticoat Junction* (1963–70)
- *Play School* (1966–present)
- *Scooby Doo, Where Are You* (1969–71)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–86)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–Present)
- *Spider-Man* (1967–70)
- *That Girl* (1966–71)
- *The Beverly Hillbillies* (1962–71)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–78)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–74)
- *The Doctors* (1963–82)
- *The Doris Day Show* (1968–73)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–71)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–84)
- *The Flying Nun* (1967–70)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–83)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Honeymooners* (1952–70)
- *The Johnny Cash Show* (1969–71)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–82)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–81)
- *The Mod Squad* (1968–73)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)

- *The Mothers-in-Law* (1967–69)
- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–74)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–74)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Wednesday Play* (UK) (1964–70)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–72, 1975–77, 1980–82)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–88)
- *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (1961 – July 1971 under this title; has aired regularly since 1954)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–85)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–78)

Debuts[edit]

- January 3 – *Der Kommissar* (1969–76) on ZDF in Germany
- February 7 – *This Is Tom Jones* (1969–71) on ABC
- June 7 – *The Johnny Cash Show* (1969–71) on ABC
- June 15 – *Hee Haw* (1969–93) on CBS
- June 18 – *The Main Chance* (1969–75) on ITV
- September 6 – *H.R. Pufnstuf* (1969–71) on NBC
- September 8 – *Where the Heart Is* (1969–73) on CBS daytime
- September 11 – *Time for Living* (1969) on CBC Television

- September 13 –
  - *Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!* (1969–72) on CBS Saturday Morning
  - *The Archie Comedy Hour* (1969–70) on CBS Saturday Morning
- September 17 –
  - *Room 222* (high school drama series) on ABC (1969–74)
  - *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* on ABC (1969–72)
- September 20 – Warner Brothers releases the final *Looney Tunes* animated short of the classic (1929–69) era
- September 21 – *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)* ITV in the UK
- September 23 – *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–76) on ABC
- September 24 – *Medical Center* (1969–76) on CBS
- September 26 – *The Brady Bunch* (1969–74) on ABC
- September 29
  - *Bright Promise* (1969–72), the latter of the soap operas created by Frank and Doris Hursley, on NBC daytime
  - *Love, American Style* (1969–74) on ABC
- October 5
  - *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (1969–74) on BBC1
  - *Sazae-san* (1969–present) as a kids' comedy on Fuji Television in Japan
- November 8 – NBC airs the pilot episode of Rod Serling's science fiction anthology series *Night Gallery*, which would be picked up as a regular series for the 1970–71 television season
- November 10 – *Sesame Street* on National Educational Television (the predecessor to the Public Broadcasting Service) (1969–present)
- November 16 – The first episode of *Clangers* (1969–72) (a British stop motion animated television program for children) is broadcast by the BBC
- November 19 – *The Benny Hill Show* (1969–89) on Thames Television (UK)

- November 23 – *Paul Temple* (1969–71) on the BBC

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
February 9	*The Saint* (UK)	1962
April 13	*The Mothers-in-Law*	1967
May 2	*Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*	1964
May 14	*Do Not Adjust Your Set* (UK)	1967
May 21	*The Avengers* (UK)	1961
June 2	*Peyton Place*	1964
June 3	*Star Trek*	1966
June 8	*The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*	1967
September 20	*Match Game*	1962

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Get Smart	NBC	CBS
The Ghost & Mrs.		ABC

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Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 14	Jason Bateman	Actor (*The Hogan Family*)
January 22	Guy Fieri	Celebrity chef and game show host
February 22	Clinton Kelly	Panamanian-American television host
March 10	Paget Brewster	Actress (*Criminal Minds*)
March 11	Terrence Howard	American actor (*Sparks*)
May 12	Kim Fields	Actress (*The Facts of Life*)
July 21	Godfrey	American actor, comedian (*The Mr. Men Show*)
July 24	Jennifer Lopez	American actress and singer (*American Idol*)
July 27	Triple H	WWE wrestler
August 18	Christian Slater	American actor (*Breaking In*)
	Edward Norton	American actor
August 19	Matthew Perry	Actor (*Friends*)

September 23	Michelle Thomas	American actress (*Family Matters*) (d. 1998)
October 19	Trey Parker	American actor and director (*South Park*)
November 4	Matthew McConaughey	American actor (*True Detective*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 2	Boris Karloff	81	Actor (voice of the Grinch in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*)
February 9	George "Gabby" Hayes	83	Actor (*The Gabby Hayes Show*)
February 19	Madge Blake	69	Actress (*Batman*)
May 3	Karl Freund	79	Cinematographer who (as director of photography on *I Love Lucy*) developed the practical use of the three-camera TV sitcom production
June 22	Judy Garland	47	Singer/actress (*The Judy Garland Show*)
July 18	Barbara Pepper	54	Actress (Doris Ziffel #1 on *Green Acres*)
September 8	Bud Collyer	61	Game show host (*Beat the Clock*)
September 19	Rex Ingram	73	Actor

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 22	Wilbur Hatch	67	Musical director for many TV shows (including *I Love Lucy*)

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1970 in television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1970-71 American network television schedule.

The year **1970 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of notable television-related events in that year.

Events[edit]

- January 3 – Jon Pertwee makes his first appearance as the Third Doctor in the *Doctor Who* serial *Spearhead from Space*. It also marks the first time that the series was broadcast in colour.
- January 19 – CBS launches *Operation 100*, a plan to beat NBC's ratings in the last 100 days of the season, using the slogan "The man can't bust our network."
- March 7 – The "eclipse of the century" is covered by all three American networks.
- March 16 – The FCC's "Miami channel 10 case" comes to a definite end as the station becomes WPLG.
- March 26 – The first privately owned television station in Thailand, Channel 3, opens in Bangkok.
- May 31 - WAPI-TV 13 in Birmingham ends nine years of dual affiliation with NBC and CBS, becoming an exclusive affiliate of NBC, and WBMG 42 in Birmingham, WCFT-

33 in Tuscaloosa and WHMA-40 in Anniston affiliate exclusively with CBS. Previously, Channels 33, 40 and 42 aired programming from NBC and CBS that was not aired on Channel 13.

- July 31 – Chet Huntley anchors his final newscast with David Brinkley and retires, bringing down the curtain on a 14-year career at NBC News and, thus, as chief anchor of *The Huntley-Brinkley Report*. The next Monday, August 3, the program is renamed *NBC Nightly News*, its title to this day.

- August 2 – NBC expands full-service newscasts to seven nights a week with *NBC Sunday News;* it replaces *The Frank McGee Report.*

- October 5 – The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) begins broadcasting and National Educational Television is shut down.

- October 14 – The first Turkish television series *Kaçaklar* was released.

- December 25 – *Pluto's Christmas Tree* is broadcast on BBC1, the first complete Mickey Mouse cartoon to be shown on television in colour.

- In a cliffhanger on the soap opera *Search for Tomorrow*, businessman Sam Reynolds is believed to be dead after he perished in Africa. One of the first "exotic" deaths for a soap opera character, it was in tune with actor Robert Mandan's wish to leave the show.

- "Country" comedian and Grand Ole Opry star Minnie Pearl makes her first appearance on *Hee Haw*.

- Lloyd Robertson replaces Warren Davis as anchor of CBC Television's *The National*.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
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- *Hogan's Heroes* (1965–1971)
- *Ironside* (1967–1975)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)

- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Julia* (1968–1971)
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- *The Brady Bunch* (1969–1974)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–1974)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Doris Day Show* (1968–1973)
- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1948–1971)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Goodies* (UK) (1970-1982)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Johnny Cash Show* (1969–1971)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Mod Squad* (1968–1973)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)
- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–1974)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)

- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *Where the Heart Is* (1969–1973)
- *World of Sport* (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 5 – Soap opera *All My Children* on ABC (–2011)
- January 6 – *Kate* on ITV (–1972)
- January 30 – *The Tim Conway Show* on CBS (ending June 19)
- February 17 – *McCloud* pilot on NBC (–1977); The series becomes a regular show the following fall as part of *Four in One*
- March 30 – Soap opera *Somerset* on NBC (–1976), while fellow soaps *A World Apart* (1970–1971) and *The Best of Everything* (1970) debut on ABC (It marks the last time multiple soaps premiere on the same day in the US)
- September 12 – *Josie and the Pussycats*, on CBS Saturday morning (–1974)
- September 16 – *UFO* on ITV (–1971)
- September 17 – *The Flip Wilson Show* (–1974) and *Nancy* (–1971) on NBC
- September 19 – *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* on CBS (–1977)
- September 20 – *The Tim Conway Comedy Hour* on CBS (ending December 13)
- September 21 – *NFL Monday Night Football* on ABC (it moved to ESPN in 2006)
- September 24 – *The Odd Couple* (–1975) and *Barefoot in the Park* (–1971) both on ABC
- September 25
  - *The Partridge Family* on ABC (–1974)
  - *Adventures in Rainbow Country* on CBC (–1971)

- *Doomwatch* on BBC1 (–1972)
- *Party Game* (–1980)
- *Play for Today* supersedes *The Wednesday Play* on BBC1; the anthology drama series lasts until 1984

- November – *Mr Benn* on BBC in syndication
- November 8 - *The Goodies* on BBC2

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
April 3	*The Flying Nun*	1967
	Here Come the Brides	1968
April 4	*Petticoat Junction*	1963
May 7	*Daniel Boone*	1964
May 15	*Get Smart*	1965
May 26	*I Dream of Jeannie*	
May 27	*The Wednesday Play*	1964
June 14	*Spider-Man*	1967
June 19	*The Tim Conway Show*	1970
December 13	*The Tim Conway Comedy Hour*	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 20	Skeet Ulrich	Actor (*Jericho*)
January 29	Heather Graham	Actress (*Scrubs*)
February 19	Bellamy Young	Actress (*Scandal*)
March 3	Julie Bowen	Actress (*Ed*, *Boston Legal*, *Modern Family*)
March 18	Queen Latifah	Actress, talk show host (*The Queen Latifah Show*)
March 27	Elizabeth Mitchell	Actress (*Lost*, *V*, *Revolution*)
March 28	Vince Vaughn	Actor and producer
April 13	Ricky Schroder	Actor (*Silver Spoons*, *NYPD Blue*)
April 29	Uma Thurman	Actress and singer
May 4	Will Arnett	Actor (*Arrested Development*)
May 17	Jordan Knight	Singer (*The Surreal Life: Fame Games*)
May 18	Tina Fey	Actress and comedian (*Saturday Night Live*, *30 Rock*)
August 18	Malcolm-Jamal Warner	Actor (*The Cosby Show*)

August 23	Jay Mohr	Actor, comedian (*Gary Unmarried*)
	River Phoenix	Actor (died 1993) (*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*)
August 31	Debbie Gibson	Singer (*Celebrity Apprentice*)
October 2	Kelly Ripa	Actress, talk show host (*All My Children*)
October 8	Matt Damon	Actor (*30 Rock*)
October 12	Kirk Cameron	Actor (*Growing Pains*)
October 24	Raul Esparza	Actor (*Hannibal*)
December 1	Sarah Silverman	Actress, comedian and singer (*Saturday Night Live*, *The Sarah Silverman Program.*)
December 12	Jennifer Connelly	Actress (*The $treet*)
December 31	Chandra West	Canadian actress (*The Gates*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 23	Herb Shriner	51	Actor, game show host (*Two for the Money*)
April 30	Inger Stevens	35	Actress (Katy on *The Farmer's Daughter*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 11	Frank Silvera	55	Actor (*The High Chaparral*)
September 29	Edward Everett Horton	84	Actor, narrator (*The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*)

1971 in television

The year 1971 involved some significant events in television. Below is a list of notable TV-related events.

Events[edit]

- January 1 – The final cigarette advertisements are televised in the United States, with the final one occurring during that evening's broadcast of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* on NBC.
- January 3 – BBC Open University broadcasts begin in the UK.
- January 12 – CBS airs the first episode of *All in the Family,* with a disclaimer at the beginning of the program warning viewers about potentially offensive content. Within a year, it became television's most popular program, and started a trend toward realism in situation comedies.
- January 27 – Valerie Barlow is electrocuted by a faulty hairdryer, and then perishes in a house fire on *Coronation Street*.
- February 23 – *The Selling of the Pentagon* documentary airs on CBS.
- March 2 – On an *All in the Family* episode, Archie and Edith get brand new next-door neighbors—Michael and Gloria's best friend, Lionel Jefferson (played by Mike Evans) and his parents. The episode marks Isabel Sanford's first appearance as Louise Jefferson; George Jefferson would not be depicted on-screen until 1973 (by Sherman Hemsley).
- March 11 – ABC cancels *The Lawrence Welk Show* after sixteen years on the network. The show, however, returns to the airwaves in syndication in September, where it would run for another eleven years.
- April 3 – RTÉ launches Color television in Ireland with the Eurovision Song Contest 1971, held in Dublin.

- May – CBS debuts its schedule for the fall 1971 season, and cancels, in the words of Pat Buttram, "every show that had a tree in it", including Buttram's *Green Acres*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, and *Mayberry R.F.D. Hee Haw* was also canceled by CBS, but would continue production for the next two decades in syndication.

- June 7 – The UK children's magazine show *Blue Peter* buries a time capsule in the grounds of BBC Television Centre, due to be opened on the first episode of the year 2000.

- August 1 - The much-acclaimed 6-hour BBC miniseries *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*, starring Keith Michell as Henry, makes its U.S. premiere; CBS would air it over 6 consecutive Sundays through September 5.

- September 13 – U.S. network prime time programming shrinks as the original Prime Time Access Rule takes effect. NBC, unable to take advantage, immediately feels the pinch and fails to win any of the 1971–72 season's first thirteen weeks.[citation needed]

- October 21 – One-off drama *Edna, the Inebriate Woman*, starring Patricia Hayes, is shown by BBC One in its *Play for Today* slot.

- November – Top-rated *As the World Turns* loses the #1 slot in the daytime Nielsens for the first time since 1959.

- Michael Zaslow first appears as Roger Thorpe on *The Guiding Light*.

Programs[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)

- *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965–present, aired annually)

- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)

- *ABC's Wide World of Sports* (1961–1998)

- *All My Children* (1970–2011)

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)

- *Another World* (1964–1999)

- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)

- *Bewitched* (1964–1972)

- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)

- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)

- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)

- *Bright Promise* (1969–1972)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Charlie Brown's All-Stars* (1966–1972, aired annually)
- *Clangers* (UK) (1969–1972)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street*, UK (1960–present)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–1977)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Death Valley Days* (1952–1975)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who*, UK (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Doomwatch* (UK) (1970–1972)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Famous Jury Trials* (1971–1972)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Here's Lucy* (1968–1974)

- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *Ironside* (1967–1975)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* (1966–present, aired annually)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Kimba the White Lion* (1966-1967), re-runs
- *Laugh-In* (1968–1973)
- *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* (1967–1973)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Love, American Style* (1969–1974)
- *Magpie* (UK) (1968–1980)
- *Mannix* (1967–1975)
- *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–1976)
- *Mary Tyler Moore* (1970–1977)
- *McCloud* (1970–1977)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mission: Impossible* (1966–1973)
- *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (1968–2001)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (UK) (1969–1974)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *My Three Sons* (1960–1972)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks*, UK (1956–1978)

- *Panorama*, UK (1953–present)
- *Password* (1962–1967, 1971–1975, 1979–1982, 1984–1989, 2008–)
- *Play for Today* (UK) (1970–1984)
- *Play School* (1966–present)
- *Professional Bowlers Tour* (1962–1997)
- *Room 222* (1969–1974)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *The Benny Hill Show* (1969–1989)
- *The Brady Bunch* (1969–1974)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–1974)
- *The Dick Cavett Show* (1969–1974)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Doris Day Show* (1968–1973)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flip Wilson Show* (1970–1974)
- *The Good Old Days*, UK (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Late Late Show*, Ireland (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Mod Squad* (1968–1973)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)

- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–1974)
- *The Odd Couple* (1970–1975)
- *The Partridge Family* (1970–1974)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present; 1962–92 as *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–79 under this title)
- *The World Tonight*, Philippines (1962–present)
- *This Is Your Life*, UK (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–2008)
- *What's My Line?* (1968–1975, syndicated version)
- *Where the Heart Is* (1969–1973)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars*, UK (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 10 – *Masterpiece Theatre* on PBS (1971–)
- January 12 – *All in the Family* on CBS (1971–79)
- April 3 – *Kamen Rider* on MBS in Japan (1971–73)
- April 10 – *The Two Ronnies* on BBC1 in the UK (1971–87)
- April 21 – *The Return of Ultraman* on *TBS* in Japan (1971–72)

- June 19 - *Parkinson* on BBC1 (1971–82, 1987–88, 1998–2004, then on ITV from 2004–07)
- August 1 – *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* on CBS (1971–74)
- September 11 –
  - *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch* (1971–72) and *Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch* (1971–74) both on CBS Saturday Morning.
  - *The Jackson 5ive* (1971–73), *The Funky Phantom* (1971–72) and *Lidsville* (1971–73), all on ABC Saturday Morning.
- September 15 - *Columbo* (1971–78) as part of a rotation of detective shows on the *NBC Mystery Movie*
- September 17 –
  - *McMillan & Wife* on NBC (1971–77)
  - *O'Hara, U.S. Treasury* on CBS (1971–72)
- September 18 – *The New Dick Van Dyke Show* on CBS (1971–74)
- September 21 – *The Old Grey Whistle Test* on BBC2 (1971–87)
- October 2 –*Soul Train*, the African-American equivalent to *American Bandstand* (1971–2006)
- October 10 – *Upstairs, Downstairs* in the UK on ITV (1971–75, 2010–)
- October 25 – *The Electric Company*, a skit-based children's program aimed at teaching reading skills, on PBS (1971–77)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 7	*Nancy*	1970
	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	1969
January 17	*The Perils of Penelope Pitstop*	

March 23	*Julia*	1968
March 29	*Mayberry R.F.D.*	1960
April 2	*Dark Shadows*	1966
April 27	*Green Acres*	1965
May 5	*The Johnny Cash Show*	1969
June 6	*The Ed Sullivan Show*	1948
July 4	*Hogan's Heroes*	1965
July 24	*UFO* (UK)	1970
September 7	*The Beverly Hillbillies*	1962
September 9	*Family Affair*	1966
September 10	*That Girl*	
October 22	*What's New*	1959

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Hee Haw	CBS	Syndication

The Lawrence Welk Show	ABC	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 1	Suzanne Virdee	British regional newscaster (*Midlands Today*)
January 5	Jayne Middlemiss	UK presenter (*Orange Playlist*)
January 12	Jay Burridge	UK presenter (*SMart*)
January 13	Sarah Tansey	UK actress (*Heartbeat*)
January 14	Yiolanda Koppel	UK presenter
January 15	Regina King	American actress (*227*)
January 16	Julia Ford	English actress
January 19	Shawn Wayans	American actor (*In Living Color*)
January 20	Pixie McKenna	Irish presenter (*Embarrassing Bodies*)
January 23	Lorne Spicer	British presenter (*Cash in the Attic*)
February 15	Alex Borstein	Actress and comedian (*Family Guy*)
February 16	Amanda Holden	UK actress (*Wild at Heart*)

February 23	Melinda Messenger	British presenter, model (*Live from Studio Five*)
February 25	Sean Astin	American actor (*Special Agent Oso*)
March 2	Lisa Lackey	Australian actress (*Heroes*)
March 4	Shavar Ross	American actor (*Diff'rent Strokes*)
March 5	Yuri Lowenthal	American voice actor (*Ben 10*)
March 9	Emmanuel Lewis	American actor (*Webster*)
March 11	Johnny Knoxville	American actor and host (*Jackass*)
March 27	Nathan Fillion	Canadian-American actor (*Castle*)
April 12	Shannen Doherty	American actress (*Beverly Hills, 90210*)
May 1	Shep (British dog)	British dog actor (*Blue Peter*)
May 26	Matt Stone	American writer/animator (*South Park*)
June 5	Mark Wahlberg	American actor/producer (*Entourage*)
July 4	Koko	American sign language gorilla
July 9	Dani Behr	English presenter, actress (*I'm a Celebrity... Get Me out of Here!*)
July 12	Kristi Yamaguchi	Professional ice skater (*Dancing with the Stars* winner)

July 30	Tom Green	Comedian (*The Tom Green Show*)
August 9	Kate Sanderson	English presenter (*Newsround*)
August 10	Angie Harmon	American actress (*Law & Order*)
September 2	Lisa Snowdon	British presenter (*Britain's Next Top Model*)
September 8	Brooke Burke	*Dancing with the Stars* winner (season 7), co-host (seasons 10–17)
September 9	Natasha Kaplinsky	British presenter (*Strictly Come Dancing* winner)
September 21	Alfonso Ribeiro	American actor (*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*)
	Luke Wilson	American actor (*Enlightened*)
September 25	Jessie Wallace	British actress (*EastEnders*)
September 28	Liza Walker	British actress (*Teenage Health Freak*)
September 30	Jenna Elfman	American actress (*Dharma & Greg*)
October 13	Sacha Baron Cohen	British comedian (*Da Ali G Show*)
October 20	Snoop Dogg	American rapper (*Doggy Fizzle Televizzle*)

October 29	Winona Ryder	American actress
November 5	Corin Nemec	American actor (*Parker Lewis Can't Lose*)
November 10	John Roberts	American actor (*Bob's Burgers*)
November 25	Christina Applegate	American actress (*Married... with Children*)
December 26	Jared Leto	American actor (*My So-Called Life*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
March 11	Philo Farnsworth	64	Television pioneer
March 16	Bebe Daniels	70	Actress (*42nd Street*)
December 12	David Sarnoff	80	Television pioneer
December 30	Melba Rae	49	Actress (*Search for Tomorrow*)
December 31	Pete Duel	31	Actor (*Alias Smith and Jones*)

1972 in television

The year **1972** involved some significant events **in television**. Below is a list of notable television-related events.

For the American TV schedule, see: 1972–73 United States network television schedule.

Events[edit]

- January 3 – *Show Boat* is aired for the first time on network television, on NBC
- January 21 – The first convention of Star Trek fans is held in New York City's Statler-Hilton hotel
- Mid-February – John Lennon and Yoko Ono co-host an entire week on *The Mike Douglas Show*
- February 19 – Sammy Davis Jr. makes a guest appearance on *All in the Family*
- March 18 – After losing a 15-year court battle over the legality of its business relationship with *The Herald-Traveler*, CBS' Boston, Massachusetts affiliate WHDH-TV Channel 5 signs off the air. At 3 a.m. on March 19, WCVB takes over the Channel 5 frequency, simultaneously switching affiliations to the ABC network following CBS' loss of interest in the channel during the long legal wrangle.
- April 4 – After a three-year courtship, Emily Nugent married Ernest Bishop on *Coronation Street*.
- May – *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* permanently relocates its production from New York City to the NBC studios in Burbank, California. (*The Tonight Show* would remain there until relocating back to New York in February 2014)
- July 21 – Victoria Wyndham makes her first appearance as vixen (and later, good girl) Rachel Davis on the soap opera *Another World*.
- August 1 – Three years after it was first filmed, the Israel Broadcasting Authority finally agrees to screen *Barricades*, a controversial documentary film that offered a sympathetic portrayal of Palestinians expelled from their homes in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War.
- August 26 – Effective with this issue, *TV Guide* discontinues the practice of using a "C" to indicate color programs, and instead starts using a "BW" for monochrome, saving a lot of printer's ink in the process. At the time about half of the TV households in the U.S. had color sets.
- September 4 – *The Price Is Right* premieres on CBS. As of 2016, it is the longest running game show on American television.
- September 9 – *The Lawrence Welk Show* opens its 18th season on location in Hawaii.

- October 27 – The 5000th episode of Captain Kangaroo airs.
- November 8 – Home Box Office (HBO) is launched, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- November 21 – In the second part of a two-part story which began the previous week, Beatrice Arthur's character, Maude Findlay, on the television sitcom*Maude*, decides to go through with an abortion, in a move that shocked CBS executives and *Maude* advertisers. (Rue McClanahan made her first appearance as Vivian Cavender in this two-parter; she would become a regular cast member the following season.)
- December 31
  - ORTF 3ème Chaîne launches in France for the first time.
  - The first installment of *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve* airs on NBC, beginning a yearly tradition of Dick Clark-hosted New Years specials.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–)
- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–)
- *Bonanza* (1959–1973)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Columbo* (1971–1978)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–95)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–1988, 2001–2003)

- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–1977)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–)
- *Devilman* (Japan) (1972–1973)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–)
- *Emmerdale Farm* (1972–)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–)
- *General Hospital* (1963–)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Here's Lucy* (1968–1974)
- *Ironside* (1967–1975)
- *It's Academic* (1961–)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–)
- *Kashi no Ki Mokku (Adventures of Pinocchio)* (Japan) (1972)
- *Kimba the White Lion* (1966–1967), re-runs
- *Laugh-In* (1968–1973)
- *Leave It To Beaver* (1957–1963)
- *Lost In Space* (1965–1968)
- *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* (1967–73)

- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Love, American Style* (1969–1974)
- *Magpie* (UK)(1968–1980)
- *Mannix* (1967–1975)
- *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–1976)
- *Mary Tyler Moore* (1970–77)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–)
- *McCloud* (1970–1977)
- *McMillan & Wife* (1971–1977)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–)
- *Mission: Impossible* (1966–1973)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–)
- *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (UK) (1969–1974)
- *Old Grey Whistle Test* (UK) (1971–1987)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–78)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–)
- *Play for Today* (UK) (1970–1984)
- *Play School* (1966–)
- *Rainbow* (1972–1992)
- *Room 222* (1969–1974)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–)
- *Soul Train* (1971–)

- *The Benny Hill Show* (1969–1989)
- *The Brady Bunch* (1969–1974)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–1974)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Doris Day Show* (1968–1973)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Flip Wilson Show* (1970–1974)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Mod Squad* (1968–1973)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–)
- *The New Dick Van Dyke Show* (1971–1974)
- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–1974)
- *The Odd Couple* (1970–75)
- *The Partridge Family* (1970–1974)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–1974)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–)
- *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* (1971–1974)
- *The Today Show* (1952–)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)

- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–)
- *Where the Heart Is* (1969–1973)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 4 – *Des chiffres et des lettres* on ORTF 2ème Chaîne in France (1972–)
- January 13 – *Me and the Chimp* on CBS (1 season)
- January 14 – *Sanford and Son* on NBC (1972–1977)
- January 15 – *Emergency!* on NBC (1972–1977)
- March 13 – *Number 96* on Australia's 0–10 Network (1972–1977)
- April 4 – *John Craven's Newsround* (now titled *Newsround*) on BBC1
- April 7 – *Ultraman Ace* on *TBS* in Japan (1972–73)
- June 21 – *The Super* (1972–1972) on ABC.
- June 22 – The first *Tattslotto* draw on HSV-7 Melbourne
- July 8 – *Android Kikaider* on TV Asahi (formerly NET) (1972–1973)
- September 4 – *The New Price Is Right* (1972–present), *The Joker's Wild* (1972–1975, 1977–1986), and *Gambit* (1972–1976) all on CBS. Any Number, Bonus Game, and Double Prices were the three games played on the first episode of *The New Price Is Right*, which loses the "New" by mid-1973, and is currently television's longest running game show in history, having started its 43rd season in September 2014.
- September 8 – *Are You Being Served?* (1972–1985) on BBC1
- September 9

- *Runaround* on NBC (1972–1973)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984) and *The New Scooby-Doo Movies* (1972–1973) both on CBS

- September 11 – *Mastermind* (1972–97, 2002–) on BBC1; *The Rookies* (1972–1976) on ABC
- September 12
  - *Maude*, a spinoff of *All in the Family* on CBS (1972–1978)
  - *Temperatures Rising* on ABC (1972–1974)
- September 13 – *The Julie Andrews Hour* on ABC; although only on for one season, it won seven Emmy Awards including Best Musical Variety Series
- September 14 – *The Waltons* on CBS (1972–1981)
- September 15 – *Ghost Story* on NBC (1972–1973)
- September 16
  - *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–1978) and *Bridget Loves Bernie* (1972–1973) on CBS
  - *The Streets of San Francisco* on ABC (1972–1977)
- September 17 – *M*A*S*H* on CBS (1972–1983), *The Adventures of Black Beauty* (1972–74) on ITV
- October 3 – *4 Country Reporter* on then-CBS affiliate KDFW Channel 4 (now a Fox O&O station); in 1986, the show moves into first-run syndication under the new name *Texas Country Reporter*, eventually airing nationally on the RFD-TV satellite/cable channel (As of October 2007, the show will mark 35 years on television)
- October 14 – *Kung Fu* on ABC (1972–75)
- October 16 – *Emmerdale Farm* starts transmissions in the daytime on ITV (1972–)
- October 19 – Prisoner-of-war drama
  - *Colditz* on BBC1
  - *The Beachcombers* (1972–1989) and *This Is the Law* (1972–1976) both on CBC
  - *Canada AM* on CTV (1972–)
- November 4 – *Great Performances* on PBS (1972–)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 1	*The Courtship of Eddie's Father* (US)	1969
March 10	*O'Hara, U.S. Treasury*	1971
March 25	*Bewitched* (US)	1964
March 31	*Bright Promise* (US)	1969
	The Return of Ultraman (Japan)	1971
April 27	*Me and the Chimp* (US)	1972
August 14	*Doomwatch* (UK)	1970
August 23	*The Super* (US)	1972
August 24	*My Three Sons* (US)	1960
November 10	*Clangers* (UK)	1969
November 29	*Kate* (UK)	1970

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

January 11	Amanda Peet	Actress (*Jack & Jill*)
January 13	Nicole Eggert	Actress (*Charles in Charge*)
January 27	Nic Testoni	Actor (*Home and Away*)
February 7	Robyn Lively	Actress (*Savannah*, *Gortimer Gibbon's Life on Normal Street*)
February 16	Sarah Clarke	Actress (*24*, *Bosch*)
March 6	Shaquille O'Neal	Basketball player, actor (*Shaq Vs.*)
March 26	Leslie Mann	Actress (*Allen Gregory*)
April 3	Jennie Garth	Actress (*Beverly Hills, 90210*)
April 6	Jason Hervey	Actor (*The Wonder Years*)
April 17	Jennifer Garner	Actress (*Alias*) and singer
April 19	Jennifer Taylor	Actress (*Two and a Half Men*)
April 20	Carmen Electra	Actress (*Baywatch*)
May 1	Julie Benz	Actress (*Dexter*, *No Ordinary Family*, *Defiance*)
May 2	Dwayne Johnson ("The Rock")	Professional wrestler (*WWE*) and actor
May 20	Busta Rhymes	Rapper, actor (*The Boondocks*)

June 2	Wayne Brady	Actor (*Whose Line Is It Anyway?*), host (*Let's Make a Deal*)
June 15	Poppy Montgomery	Actress (*Relativity*, *Without a Trace*, *Unforgettable*)
June 23	Selma Blair	Actress (*Anger Management*)
July 23	Marlon Wayans	Actor (*The Wayans Bros.*)
July 28	Elizabeth Berkley	Actress (*Saved by the Bell*)
July 29	Wil Wheaton	Actor (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*)
August 9	Liz Vassey	Actress (*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*)
August 10	Angie Harmon	American actress (*Law & Order*)
August 30	Cameron Diaz	Actress (*Saturday Night Live*)
September 26	Melanie Paxson	Actress (*Notes from the Underbelly*) and Red Robin spokesperson
September 27	Gwyneth Paltrow	Actress and singer
October 5	Grant Hill	Basketball player
November 1	Toni Collette	Actress (*United States of Tara*) and singer

November 14	Josh Duhamel	Actor (*Las Vegas*)
December 19	Alyssa Milano	Actress (*Charmed*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 16	Ross Bagdasarian, Sr.	52	Composer, creator of (*The Alvin Show*)
May 12	Steve Ihnat	37	Actor (*Star Trek*)
May 13	Dan Blocker	43	Actor (Hoss Cartwright on *Bonanza*)

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The year **1973 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in that year.

Events[edit]

- January 4 – The record breaking, long-running comedy series in the United Kingdom and the world, *Last of the Summer Wine*, starts as a 30-minute pilot on BBC1's Comedy Playhouse show. The first series starts on November 12; the 295th and last episode is broadcast on 29 August 2010.
- January 13 – *The Lawrence Welk Show* airs its *Salute to Mexico* episode where Anacani makes her debut with the Champagne Music Makers. That episode also marks the final time Sandi Griffiths and Sally Flynn appear together as the act of *Sandi & Sally*
- January 14 – Elvis Presley's *Aloha From Hawaii - Via Satellite* television special is seen around the world by over 1 billion viewers.
- March 8 – The TV movie *The Marcus-Nelson Murders* airs on CBS. This serves as the pilot for the iconic crime drama series *Kojak*, which returns as a weekly series in October.
- March 21 – Sitcom *Are You Being Served?* begins its first regular series on BBC1 in the U.K. (pilot aired September 8, 1972).
- March 23 – The longest running daytime game show to date — NBC's *Concentration* — airs its 3,796th and final show, after a run of fourteen years and seven months. The record will be eclipsed in 1987 by *The Price Is Right*; today, *Concentration* ranks fourth in continual longevity among all daytime/syndicated game shows.
- March 25 – The pilot episode of *Open All Hours* airs as part of Ronnie Barker's series *Seven of One* on BBC1 in the U.K.
- April 1 – "Prisoner and Escort", the pilot episode of *Porridge*, airs as part of *Seven of One*.
- April 16 – *James Paul McCartney* airs on ABC (and on ITV in the U.K. on May 10).
- May 17 – U.S. daytime television is interrupted by the Watergate hearings, which would continue until August 7. Each network airs coverage in rotation every third day (ABC is first, then CBS and NBC).
- July 2 – U.S. game show *Match Game* debuts its 1970s version; it soon becomes the #1-rated daytime television program for 1973, 1974, and 1975, as well as #1 game show from 1973–77.

- August 6 – James Beck, who stars as Private Walker in the popular U.K. sitcom *Dad's Army*, dies of a burst pancreas at the age of just 44. Although the series continues until 1977, the part of Walker is not recast and the show carries on without him.

- August 11 – Programme One airs the first part of the Soviet television miniseries *Seventeen Moments of Spring*, which would run until the 24th. With an audience of between fifty and eighty million viewers per episode, it becomes the most successful television show of its time in the Soviet Union.

- August 17 – CBS presents an adaptation of David Rabe's play *Sticks and Bones*...but only to about half of its affiliates.

- September 15 – Betty White makes her first appearance as Sue Ann Nivens in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show'*s fourth season opener, "The Lars Affair".

- September 20 – *The Battle of the Sexes*: Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a televised tennis match at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. The global television audience in 36 countries is estimated at 90 million.

- October 8 – Pat Phoenix leaves the role of Elsie Tanner on *Coronation Street* after thirteen years, when she felt that specific length of time was enough to play one character continuously.

- October 20 – George Jefferson (Sherman Hemsley) makes his first appearance on *All in the Family*, at his brother Henry's goodbye party, though he has lived next door to Archie Bunker for the past two years.

- November 12 – The record breaking, long-running comedy series in the U.K. and the world, *Last of the Summer Wine* starts as a series on BBC1 (the pilot had aired on January 4). The 295th and last episode is broadcast on 29 August 2010.

- November 20 – *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* airs on CBS for the first time. It will go onto win an Emmy Award the following year.

- November 23 – *Julie on Sesame Street*, starring Julie Andrews, airs on ABC.

- November – Color television is launched in New Zealand. (It will go full-time in November 1975).

- December 12 – *Kojak's* trademark lollipop makes its debut in the episode "Hot Sunday".

- December 19 – After reading a news item that said the federal government had fallen behind in getting bids to supply toilet tissue, Johnny Carson inadvertently triggers an unprecedented three-week panic when he announces, on *The Tonight Show*, that there is an acute shortage of toilet paper in the U.S.

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–)

- *All in the Family* (1971–79)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–89)
- *Another World* (1964–99)
- *Are You Being Served?* (UK) (1972–85)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–)
- *Bonanza* (1959–73)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–84)
- *Colditz* (UK) (1972–74)
- *Columbo* (1971–78)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–95)
- *Concentration* (1958–78)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–88, 2001–03)
- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–77)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–76)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–89, 1996, 2005–)
- *Emergency!* (1972–77)
- *Emmerdale Farm* (UK) (1972–)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–)

- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–84)
- *Four Corners* (Australia) (1961–)
- *General Hospital* (1963–)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–75)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–80)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–93)
- *Here's Lucy* (1968–74)
- *I've Got a Secret* (1972–73)
- *Ironside* (1967–75)
- *It's Academic* (1961–)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–75, 1984–)
- *John Craven's Newsround* (UK) (1972–)
- *Kimba the White Lion* (1966–67), re-runs
- *Kung Fu* (1972–75)
- *Love of Life* (1951–80)
- *Love, American Style* (1969–74)
- *Magpie* (UK) (1968–80)
- *Mannix* (1967–75)
- *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–76)
- *Mary Tyler Moore* (1970–77)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–83)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–)

- *Maude* (1972–78)
- *McCloud* (1970–77)
- *McMillan & Wife* (1971–77)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–)
- *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (1969–74)
- *Old Grey Whistle Test* (UK) (1971–87)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–78)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–)
- *Play for Today* (UK) (1970–84)
- *Play School* (1966–)
- *Police Story* (1973–78)
- *Rainbow* (1972–92)
- *Room 222* (1969–74)
- *Sanford and Son* (1972–77)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–86)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–)
- *Soul Train* (1971–)
- *The Benny Hill Show* (UK) (1969–89)
- *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–78)
- *The Brady Bunch* (1969–74)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–78)
- *The Dean Martin Show* (1965–19)

- *The Doctors* (1963–82)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–84)
- *The Flip Wilson Show* (1970–74)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–83)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–82)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–81)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–)
- *The New Dick Van Dyke Show* (1971–74)
- *The Newlywed Game* (1966–74)
- *The Odd Couple* (1970–75)
- *The Partridge Family* (1970–74)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–)
- *The Secret Storm* (1954–74)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–)
- *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* (1971–74)
- *The Today Show* (1952–)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–92)
- *The Waltons* (1972–81)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–79)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *To Tell the Truth* (1956–68; 1969–78)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)

- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–88)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–)
- *What's My Line* (1950–75)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–85)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–78)

Debuts[edit]

- January 4 – *Last of the Summer Wine* pilot episode, first series begins on November 12 (1973–2010)
- January 6 – *Schoolhouse Rock!* on ABC (1973–86)
- January 28 – *Barnaby Jones* on CBS (1973–80)
- March 20 – *Police Story* on NBC (1973–78)
- March 26
  - *The Young and the Restless* on CBS (1973–)
  - *The $10,000 Pyramid* on CBS with Dick Clark as host
- April 6 – *Ultraman Taro* on *TBS* in Japan (1973–74)
- July 2 – CBS revives *Match Game* with more ribald questions (1962–69, 1973–84, 1990–91, 1998–99)
- July 17
  - *The Wizard of Odds*, first United States game show hosted by Alex Trebek, premieres on NBC
  - *The New Treasure Hunt* (syndicated 1973–76)
- September 8 – An animated revival of *Star Trek* premieres on NBC (1973–74); *Super Friends* (1973–74) premieres on ABC
- September 10 – *Lotsa Luck* on NBC (1973–74)
- September 14 – *Adam's Rib* on ABC (1 season)
- September 21 - *Needles and Pins* on NBC (1 season)
- September 22 – *The Starlost* (1973–74)

- October 15 – *The Tomorrow Show* on NBC (1973–82)
- October 20 – *The Six Million Dollar Man* on ABC (1973–78)
- October 24 – *Kojak* on CBS (1973–78, 2005)
- *Superstars* on BBC1 in the UK (1973–85, 2003–05)
- *Greatest Sports Legends* (syndicated 1973–93)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 16	*Bonanza*	1959
March 23	*Love is a Many Splendored Thing*	1967
	Where the Heart Is	1969
March 30	*Ghost Story*	1972
	Ultraman Ace (Japan)	
	Mission: Impossible	1966
May 20	*Laugh-In*	1968
August 24	*The Mod Squad*	
September 9	*The Doris Day Show*	
	Bridget Loves Bernie	1972

	Runaround	
October 27	*The New Scooby-Doo Movies*	
December 28	*Needles and Pins*	1973

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 16	Josie Davis	Actress (*Charles in Charge*, *The Young and the Restless*)
January 23	Lanei Chapman	American actress
January 29	Miranda Krestovnikoff	English archaeologist and television host
January 31	Portia de Rossi	Actress (*Ally McBeal*)
February 12	Tara Strong	Canadian voice actor (*The Powerpuff girls*)
February 15	Alex Borstein	Actress/comedian (*Family Guy*)
March 24	Jim Parsons	Actor (*The Big Bang Theory*)
April 8	Emma Caulfield	Actress (*Beverly Hills, 90210*, *General Hospital*, *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer*)
April 11	Jennifer Esposito	Actress (*Spin City*, *Related*, *Samantha Who?*, *Blue Bloods*, *Taxi Brooklyn*, *Mistresses*)
April 12	Christina Moore	Actress (*Hyperion Bay*, *Hawthorne*)

April 28	Elisabeth Röhm	German-American actress (*Bull*, *Angel*, *Law & Order*, *The Client List*, *Stalker*)
May 5	Tina Yothers	Actress (*Family Ties*)
May 9	Chu Sang-mi	Actress
May 16	Tori Spelling	Actress (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) and daughter of Aaron Spelling
May 17	Sasha Alexander	Actress (*Dawson's Creek*, *NCIS*, *Rizzoli & Isles*)
June 15	Neil Patrick Harris	Actor (*Doogie Howser, M.D.*, *How I Met Your Mother*)
June 16	Eddie Cibrian	Actor (*CSI: Miami*)
June 21	Juliette Lewis	Actress (*The Firm*)
July 8	Kathleen Robertson	Canadian actress (*Maniac Mansion*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*)
July 26	Kate Beckinsale	Actress
August 6	Vera Farmiga	Actress (*Touching Evil*, *Bates Motel*)
August 22	Kristen Wiig	Actress and singer (*Saturday Night Live*)
August 24	Dave Chappelle	Actor (*Chappelle's Show*)
September 3	Jennifer Paige	Singer and actress

September 5	Rose McGowan	Italian-American actress (*Charmed*, *Chosen*)
September 7	Shannon Elizabeth	Actress (*Cuts*)
September 25	Bridgette Wilson	Actress (*Santa Barbara*)
October 3	Neve Campbell	Actress (*Party of Five*)
October 9	Jennifer Aspen	Actress (*Party of Five*, *Rodney*, *GCB*)
	Steve Burns	Actor (*Blue's Clues*
October 10	Mario Lopez	Actor (*Saved by the Bell*)
October 26	Seth MacFarlane	American actor, comedian and director (*Family Guy*)
November 5	Danniella Westbrook	Actress (*EastEnders*)
November 9	Alyson Court	Canadian actress
November 28	Gina Tognoni	Actress (*Guiding Light*, *Venice: The Series*, *One Life to Live*, *The Young and the Restless*)
December 3	Holly Marie Combs	Actress (*Picket Fences*, *Charmed*, *Pretty Little Liars*)
December 4	Tyra Banks	Model and talk-show host (*The Tyra Banks Show*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 24	J. Carrol Naish	77	Character actor (*Life With Luigi*)
January 28	John Banner	63	Actor (Sgt. Schultz on *Hogan's Heroes*)
March 13	Stacy Harris	54	U.S. actor (*Dragnet*, *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*)
April 26	Irene Ryan	70	Actress (Granny on *The Beverly Hillbillies*)
September 21	Diana Sands	39	Actress (*The Fugitive*)
December 23	Irna Phillips	72	Soap opera writer and creator (*The Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*)

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The year 1974 involved some significant events in television. Below is a list of television-related events of that year.

Events[edit]

- January 6 – CKGN-TV begins broadcasting in Brantford, Ontario.
- January 31 – CBS airs a multi-Emmy-winning adaptation of Ernest J. Gaines' novel *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, which follows the 110-year life of a former slave from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement. Cicely Tyson portrays the title role.
- February 1 – KITC (now KIVI-TV) begins broadcasting in Boise, Idaho.
- February 8 – After 20 years, *The Secret Storm* airs its 5195th and final episode on CBS Daytime. The show is replaced ten days later by *Tattletales*, a game show hosted by Bert Convy.
- March 11 – The children's special *Free to Be... You and Me*, produced by comedic actress Marlo Thomas, airs on ABC.
- March 13 – *The Execution of Private Slovik* airs on NBC. A made-for-television film, it told the story of Pvt. Eddie Slovik, the only American soldier to be executed for desertion since the American Civil War.
- March 18 - Lucille Ball ends her 23-year consecutive television reign when *Here's Lucy* is cancelled.
- April 6 – "Waterloo" wins the Eurovision Song Contest for Sweden and launches ABBA on their stellar global career.
- May 4 – Steve Frame (George Reinholt) marries Alice Matthews (Jacqueline Courtney) for the second time on a special hour-long broadcast of *Another World*, coinciding with the show's tenth anniversary.
- June 8 – Jon Pertwee makes his final regular appearance as the Third Doctor in the concluding moments of Part Six of the *Doctor Who* serial *Planet of the Spiders*. Tom Baker briefly appears as the Fourth Doctor at the conclusion of this serial.
- August 5 – For the first time on a pre-school children's programme, the UK show *Inigo Pipkin* covers the death of the main character, Inigo, as the actor who played him (George Woodbridge) had died. The show is renamed *Pipkins*.

- August 8 – US President Richard Nixon resigns live on television.

- September 10 – The controversial TV movie *Born Innocent*, starring Linda Blair, airs on NBC. The film, which involved a fourteen-year-old being sent to what the television preview deemed a women's prison (when in reality it was a reform school), drew heavy criticism due to an all-female rape scene, the first ever seen on American television. The scene was deleted in subsequent re-airings after a group of girls assaulted an eight-year-old with a pop bottle, influenced by the scene in the film.

- October 6 - *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, the popular British sketch comedy which aired its final episode this year, is first shown in the U.S. on KERA-TV in Dallas, Texas, at 10pm.[1][2]

- December 28 – Tom Baker makes his first full appearance as the Fourth Doctor in the *Doctor Who* serial *Robot*.

- On the American soap opera *Love of Life*, Meg Dale (Tudi Wiggins) calls her son Ben (Christopher Reeve) a "bastard", the first time a profanity was spoken on American daytime television.[*when?*][*citation needed*]

Programs/programmes[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)[3]
- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)[4]
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *Are You Being Served?* (UK) (1972–1985)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *co* (Australia) (1961–present)
- *Columbo* (1971–1978)

- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street* (UK) (1960–present)
- *Crossroads* (UK) (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *Cutey Honey* (Japan) (1973–1974)
- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–1977)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who* (UK) (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Emergency!* (1972–1977)
- *Emmerdale Farm* (UK) (1972–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Gunsmoke* (1955–1975)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Ironside* (1967–1975)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *It Ain't Half Hot Mum* (UK) (1974-1981)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *John Craven's Newsround* (UK) (1972–present)
- *Kaynanalar* (Turkey) (1974-2004)

- *Kojak* (1973–1978)
- *Kung Fu* (1972–1975)
- *Last of the Summer Wine* (UK) (1973–present)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Magpie* (UK) (1968–1980)
- *Majokko Megu-chan* (Japan) (1974–1975)
- *Mannix* (1967–1975)
- *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–1976)
- *Mary Tyler Moore* (1970–1977)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Match Game '74* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Maude* (1972–1978)
- *McCloud* (1970–1977)
- *McMillan & Wife* (1971–1977)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)[5]
- *Old Grey Whistle Test* (UK) (1971–1987)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978).
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
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- *Sanford and Son* (1972–1977)

- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2008)
- *Space Battleship Yamato* (Japan) (1974–1975)
- *Superstars* (UK) (1973–1985)
- *The Benny Hill Show* (UK) (1969–1989)
- *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–1978)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Good Old Days* (UK) (1953–1983)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *The Late Late Show* (Ireland) (1962–present)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The Money Programme* (UK) (1966–present)
- *The Odd Couple* (1970–1975)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1973–1978)
- *The Sky at Night* (UK) (1957–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)

- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Top of the Pops* (UK) (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *World of Sport* (UK) (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars* (UK) (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 5 – *Tiswas*, a local programme in the Midlands (ATV) in the UK, though not fully automatically networked through ITV until 1979 (1974–82)
- January 7
  - *How to Survive a Marriage* in a 90–minute special on NBC daytime
  - *Jackpot!* (1974–75), a game show hosted by Geoff Edwards on nighttime NBC
  - *Wish You Were Here...?* premieres on ITV (1974–2003, 2007–)
- January 15 – *Happy Days* on ABC (1974–84)
- February 1 – *Good Times* (a spinoff of *Maude*) on CBS (1974–79)
- February 10 – *Apple's Way* on CBS (1974–1975)
- February 18 – *Tattletales*, hosted by Bert Convy, on CBS daytime (1974–78, 1982–84)
- March 3 – *Nova* on PBS (1974–present)
- April 12 – *Ultraman Leo* on *TBS* in Japan (1974–75)
- May 6 – *The $10,000 Pyramid* moves to ABC, with Dick Clark as host
- July 1 – *High Rollers* on NBC (1974–76; 1978–80)
- July 4 – CBS airs its first *Bicentennial Minute* (They will continue until the end of 1976)

- July 29 – *Name That Tune* on NBC daytime with Dennis James hosting, and in nighttime syndication with Tom Kennedy hosting
- September 4 – *That's My Mama* on CBS (1974–1975)
- September 7 (Saturday)
  - *Land of the Lost* on NBC (1974–77)
  - *Valley of the Dinosaurs* on CBS (1974–76)
  - *Shazam!* on CBS (1974–77)
  - *Hong Kong Phooey* on ABC (1974)
- September 9 (Monday)
  - *Rhoda* on CBS (1974–78)
  - *The $25,000 Pyramid* in syndication with host Bill Cullen; basically *The $10,000 Pyramid* with larger prizes
  - *Definition* on CTV daytime (1974–89)
  - *Dinah!* in syndication (1974–80)
- September 11 – *Little House on the Prairie* on NBC (1974–83)
- September 12 – *Harry O* on ABC (1974–76)
- September 13 (Friday)
  - *Chico and the Man* (1974–78) on NBC
  - *The Rockford Files* (1974–80) on NBC
  - *Police Woman* (1974–78) on NBC
  - *The Texas Wheelers* (1974) on ABC
  - *Kolchak: The Night Stalker* (1974–75) on ABC
  - "Planet of the Apes" (1974) on CBS
- September 14 (Saturday)
  - *The New Land* (1974) on ABC

- *Paul Sand in Friends and Lovers* (1974–75) on CBS

- September 23 – *Dr. Zonk and the Zunkins* on CBC (1974–75)
- October 20 – *Derrick*, German *Krimi* written by Herbert Reinecker, starring Horst Tappert, on ZDF (1974–1988)
- November 8 – *Countdown* on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (1974–87)
- Unknown date – *House of Pride* on CBC (1974–76)

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 11	*Love, American Style*	1969
	Room 222	
February 8	*The Secret Storm*	1954
March 8	*The Brady Bunch*	1969
March 11	*The New Dick Van Dyke Show*	1971
March 15	*Lotsa Luck*	1973
March 18	*Here's Lucy*	1968
March 23	*The Partridge Family*	1970
March 24	*The Dean Martin Show*	1965
April 1	*Colditz* (UK)	1972

April 5	*Ultraman Taro* (Japan)	1973
May 29	*The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*	1971
June 27	*Audubon Wildlife Theatre*	1968
	The Flip Wilson Show	1970
September 8	*The F.B.I.*	1965
October 4	*The Texas Wheelers*	1974
October 12	*Star Trek: The Animated Series*	1973
October 19	*The New Land*	1974
December 5	*Monty Python's Flying Circus* (UK)	1969
December 20	*The Newlywed Game*	1966

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 23	Tiffani Thiessen	Actress (*Saved by the Bell*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *White Collar*)
January 31	Anna Silk	Canadian actress (*Lost Girl*)
February 9	Amber Valletta	Actress (*Legends*, *Blood & Oil*)

February 10	Elizabeth Banks	Actress (*Scrubs*, *30 Rock*, *Moonbeam City*) and singer
February 12	Lisa Brenner	Actress (*All My Children*)
February 17	Jerry O'Connell	Actor (*Sliders*)
February 24	Bonnie Somerville	Actress (*Grosse Pointe*, *In-Laws*, *Code Black*)
March 1	Mark-Paul Gosselaar	Actor (Zack Morris on *Saved by the Bell*)
March 5	Eva Mendes	Actress
March 7	Jenna Fischer	Actress (*The Office You, Me and the Apocalypse*) and singer
March 12	Jama Williamson	Actress (*Parks and Recreation*, *Hollywood Heights*, *School of Rock*, *Just Add Magic*)
March 17	Marisa Coughlan	Actress (*Wasteland*, *Side Order of Life*)
March 24	Alyson Hannigan	Actress (*Free Spirit*, *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer*, *How I Met Your Mother*) and singer
March 31	Angela Dotchin	Actress (*Shortland Street*)
April 11	Tricia Helfer	Canadian actress and model (*Battlestar Galactica*)
April 12	Marley Shelton	Actress (*Eleventh Hour*, *The Lottery*)
April 23	Barry Watson	Actor (*7th Heaven*)

April 26	Ivana Miličević	Bosnian-American actress (*Banshee*)
April 28	Penélope Cruz	Spanish-American actress
May 21	Fairuza Balk	Actress (*Ray Donovan*)
May 22	A.J. Langer	Actress (*Drexell's Class*, *My So-Called Life*, *It's Like, You Know...*, *Three Sisters*, *Private Practice*)
June 1	Melissa Sagemiller	Actress (*Sleeper Cell*, *Raising the Bar*)
June 21	Maggie Siff	Actress (*Sons of Anarchy*)
June 26	Derek Jeter	New York Yankees baseball player
July 22	Franka Potente	Actress (*American Horror Story*)
July 23	Stephanie March	Actress (*Conviction*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*)
July 26	Genevieve Gorder	HGTV host
July 29	Josh Radnor	Actor (*How I Met Your Mother*)
July 30	Hilary Swank	Actress (*Camp Wilder*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *The One Percent*) and singer
August 6	Ever Carradine	Actress (*Once and Again*, *Commander in Chief*, *Goliath*)

August 15	Natasha Henstridge	Canadian actress (*She Spies*)
August 20	Amy Adams	Actress and singer
August 28	Kristin Booth	Canadian actress (*Signed, Sealed, Delivered*)
September 24	Jackie Sandler	Actress and wife of Adam Sandler
	Michelle Ray Smith	Actress (*Guiding Light*)
October 7	Allison Munn	Actress (*What I Like About You*, *One Tree Hill*, *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn*)
November 6	Zoe McLellan	Actress (*JAG*, *Dirty Sexy Money*, *NCIS: New Orleans*)
November 11	Leonardo DiCaprio	Actor (*Growing Pains*)
November 17	Leslie Bibb	Actress (*Popular*, *Crossing Jordan*)
November 18	Chloë Sevigny	Actress (*Big Love*, *American Horror Story*) and singer
December 11	Lisa Ortiz	Voice Actress (*Sonic X Slayers Pokémon*)
December	Sarah Paulson	Actress (*American Horror Story*)

17	Giovanni Ribisi	Actor (*Dads*)
	Marissa Ribisi	Actress (*Grown Ups*)
December 18	Kari Byron	Actress and TV host (*Head Rush*, *MythBusters*)
December 27	Kylee Cochran	Actress
December 29	Maria Dizzia	Actress (*Orange is the New Black*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
March 20	Chet Huntley	62	Co-anchor of the NBC evening newscast
April 17	Frank McGee	52	Journalist, NBC news
April 30	Agnes Moorehead	73	Actress (Endora on *Bewitched*)
July 15	Christine Chubbuck	29	News reporter on WXLT in Sarasota, Florida (on-air suicide)
July 19	Joe Flynn	49	Actor (Capt. Binghamton on *McHale's Navy*)
October 13	Ed Sullivan	73	Host (*The Ed Sullivan Show*)
November 5	Stafford Repp	56	Actor (Chief O'Hara on *Batman*)

December 21	Richard Long	47	Actor (*The Big Valley*, *Nanny and the Professor*)
December 26	Jack Benny	80	American comedian (*The Jack Benny Program*)

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1975 in television

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The year **1975** involved some significant events in television. Below is a list of television-related events which happened that year.

Events[edit]

- January 3, 1975
  - The original *Jeopardy!* ends its run after almost 11 years and 2,753 episodes on NBC
  - Also on NBC, the biggest prize in American daytime television game shows at the time is won on *Jackpot*, $38,750, split between two contestants
- January 6
  - *Another World* becomes the first American soap opera to start airing hour-long telecasts
  - *Wheel of Fortune* airs its first episode on NBC's daytime schedule with host Chuck Woolery and assistant Susan Stafford
  - The ORTF is dislocked into 7 societies: TF1, Antenne 2, FR3, INA, SFP, Radio France & TDF
- January 11 – On *All in the Family*, a tearful Edith says goodbye to her neighbor, Louise Jefferson as *The Jeffersons* moved on up to their own sitcom
- March 4 – The first *People's Choice Awards* presentation on CBS
- March 18 – McLean Stevenson's character dies in the *M*A*S*H* episode "Abyssinia, Henry", its third season finale
- April 3 – Meg Richardson (Noele Gordon) marries Hugh Mortimer (John Bentley) on the soap opera *Crossroads*
- April 12 – On The Jeffersons, Mike Evans makes his last appearance (until 1979), with Damon Evans (no relation to Michael) joining the cast
- April 21 – *Days of Our Lives* becomes the second American soap opera to expand from thirty minutes to an hour in length
- April 25 – "Alice Cooper: The Nightmare" airs on ABC
- April 28 – Tom Snyder interviews John Lennon on *The Tomorrow Show*
- June 5 – Fred Silverman becomes the head of ABC Entertainment, whose programming choices resulted in ABC achieving ratings dominance (and initiating an era of what was disparagingly called "T&A" or "Jiggle television")
- September 5 – A bomb explodes in the wine bar/delicatessen on *Number 96*, in an attempt to shake up the cast and earn back lost viewers
- September 8

- *The Price is Right* is expanded to an hour in length, with six games and two Showcase Showdowns, for one week as an experiment; the format is made permanent two months later
- *Match Game* starts airing weekly episodes in syndicated primetime as *Match Game PM*.

- September 29 – WGPR-TV, channel 62 in Detroit, becomes the first television station in the U.S. to be owned and operated by blacks (It is now CBS-owned WWJ-TV)
- September 30 – The Muhammad Ali–Joe Frazier title fight from the Philippines (the "Thrilla in Manila") is sent via satellite to the U. S. and shown on HBO
- October 16 – The "Balibo Five" Australian television journalists are killed at Balibo by Indonesian Army special forces in the buildup to the Indonesian invasion of East Timor
- October 25 – The classic "Chuckles Bites the Dust" episode of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* airs on CBS
- October 28 – A James Bond film is shown on British television for the first time, *Dr. No* on ITV
- November – Sony introduces the Betamax video recorder in the US, which comes in a teakwood console with a 19" color TV set and retails for $2,495
- November 7 – *The New Original Wonder Woman* TV movie airs as a pilot for the series, *Wonder Woman* (which premiered in 1976)
- November 10 – *The Guiding Light* changes its name to *Guiding Light*, in an attempt to modernize the show's image (The show's announcer, however, continues to call the series *The Guiding Light* in his announcements until the early 1980s)
- November 23 – Memories of the "Heidi Game" return to haunt NBC as that network is forced to join *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* in progress at the conclusion of an overtime NFL game
- December 1 – Top-rated *As the World Turns*, bowing to competition from NBC, expands to one hour in length; *The Edge of Night* moves to ABC

Programs[edit]

- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)

- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *Are You Being Served?* (UK) (1972–1985)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Aşk-ı Memnu* (Turkey) (1975)
- *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980)
- *Blue Peter* (UK) (1958–present)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Chico and the Man* (1974–1978)
- *Columbo* (1971–1978)
- *Come Dancing* (UK) (1949–1995)
- *Coronation Street*, UK (1960–present)
- *Countdown* (Australia) (1974–1987)
- *Crossroads*, UK (1964–1988, 2001–2003)
- *Dad's Army* (UK) (1968–1977)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* (1974–1984)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Dinah!* (1974–1980)
- *Dixon of Dock Green* (UK) (1955–1976)
- *Doctor Who*, UK (1963–1989, 1996, 2005–present)
- *Emergency!* (1972–1977)
- *Emmerdale Farm* (UK) (1972–present)

- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *Four Corners*, Australia (1961–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Get Some In! (UK) (1975-78)*
- *Good Times* (1974–1979)
- *Grandstand* (UK) (1958–2007)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *John Craven's Newsround* (UK) (1972–present)
- *Kaynanalar* (Turkey) (1974-2004)
- *Kojak* (1973–1978, 2005–present)
- *Land of the Lost* (1974–1977)
- *Last of the Summer Wine* (UK) (1973–present)
- *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Magpie* (UK) (1968–1980)
- *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969–1976)
- *Mary Tyler Moore* (1970–1977)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)

- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Maude* (1972–1978)
- *McCloud* (1970–1977)
- *McMillan & Wife* (1971–1977)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *Old Grey Whistle Test* (UK) (1971–1987)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *Opportunity Knocks* (UK) (1956–1978)
- *Panorama* (UK) (1953–present)
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- *Police Woman* (1974–1978)
- *Rhoda* (1974–1978)
- *Sanford and Son* (1972–1977)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)
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- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
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- *Tattletales* (1974–1978, 1982–1984)
- *The Benny Hill Show* (UK) (1969–1989)

- *The Bionic Woman* (1976–1978)
- *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–1978)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
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- *The Late Late Show*, Ireland (1962–present)
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- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present)
- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1954–present; 1969–79 with this title)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Is Your Life* (UK) (1955–2003)
- *Tiswas* (UK) (1974–1982)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)

- *Top of the Pops*, UK (1964–2006)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *What the Papers Say* (UK) (1956–present)
- *Wide World of Sports* (1961–1997)
- *Wish You Were Here...?* (UK) (1974–present)
- *World of Sport*, UK (1965–1985)
- *Z-Cars*, UK (1962–1978)

Debuts[edit]

- January 2 – *The Sweeney* on ITV in the UK (1975–78)
- January 6
  - *Wheel of Fortune* on NBC's daytime lineup (1975–89)
  - *Blank Check* the same day, also on NBC, and lasts 26 weeks
- January 17 – *Baretta*, starring Robert Blake, on ABC (1975–78)
- January 18 – *The Jeffersons,* a spinoff of *All in the Family,* on CBS (1975–85)
- January 23 – *Barney Miller* on ABC (1975–82)
- February 17 – *S.W.A.T.* on ABC (1975–76)
- April 4 – *The Good Life* on BBC1 in the UK (1975–78)
- April 5 – *Himitsu Sentai Gorenger* on TV-Asahi (formerly NET) in Japan (1975–77)
- April 16 - *Survivors* on BBC1 (1975–77)
- May 8 – *The Don Lane Show* on the Nine Network in Australia (1975–83)
- May 31 – *Jim'll Fix It* on BBC1 (1975–94)
- June 16 – *Spin-Off* and *Musical Chairs* on CBS's daytime lineup
- July 7 – *Ryan's Hope* on ABC's daytime lineup (1975–89)
- September 2 – *Runaround* on ITV (1975–81)

- September 4
  - *The Bobby Vinton Show* on CTV in Canada and across the U.S. in syndication (1975–78)
  - *Space: 1999* (syndicated 1975–77)
- September 6
  - Hanna-Barbera's *The New Tom and Jerry/Grape Ape Show* on ABC Saturday Morning (1975–76)
  - *Supersonic*, a pop music program, on London Weekend Television (1975–77)
  - Funny Farm – (CTV, 1975–80)
- September 8
  - *Phyllis*, a spin-off of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* on CBS (1975–77)
  - *Match Game PM* (1975–82)
- September 9
  - *Welcome Back, Kotter* on ABC (1975–79)
  - *Shades of Greene* on Thames Television in the UK (1975–76)
- September 14 – *Three for the Road* on CBS and ends promptly on November 30
- September 19 – *Fawlty Towers* on BBC Two in the UK (1975, 1979)
- September 25 – *King of Kensington* on CBC (1975–80)
- September – *The Fifth Estate* on CBC (1975–present)
- October 1 – *Arena* on BBC2 in the UK (1975–present)
- October 11 – *NBC's Saturday Night* (later changed to *Saturday Night Live*) with host George Carlin and guest Andy Kaufman (1975–present)
- November 3 – *Good Morning America* on ABC with co-anchors David Hartman and Nancy Dussault (1975–present)
- November 30 – *McCoy* on NBC (1975–76)
- December 16 – *One Day at a Time,* produced by Norman Lear, on CBS (1975–84)

Ending this year[edit]

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<tr><td>Password (returned in 1979 as Password Plus)</td><td>1961</td></tr>
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August 1	*Death Valley Days*	1952
September 5	*What's My Line?*	1950

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
The Edge of Night	CBS	ABC

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 29	Sara Gilbert	Actress (*Roseanne*)
February 22	Drew Barrymore	Actress and producer (youngest host of *Saturday Night Live*)
March 7	Audrey Marie Anderson	Actress (*Once and Again*, *The Unit*, *Arrow*)
March 15	Eva Longoria	Actress (*Desperate Housewives*)
March 22	Guillermo Diaz	Actor (*Weeds*)
March 27	Fergie	Actress and singer (*Kids Incorporated*, The Black Eyed Peas)
April 6	Zach Braff	Actor (*Scrubs*)

April 14	Amy Birnbaum	Voice Actress (*Pokémon*, *Sonic X*, *Kirby: Right Back at Ya!*, *Magical DoReMi*,*Yu-Gi-Oh!*) and singer
April 30	Johnny Galecki	Actor (*The Big Bang Theory*)
May 3	Christina Hendricks	Actress (*Mad Men*, *Another Period*) and singer
May 10	Andrea Anders	Actress (*Joey*, *Better Off Ted*)
June 4	Angelina Jolie	Actress (as Gia Carangi in *Gia*)
June 15	Elizabeth Reaser	Actress (*Grey's Anatomy*, *The Ex List*)
June 24	Carla Gallo	Actress (*Carnivàle*, *Bones*)
June 27	Tobey Maguire	Actor
July 20	Judy Greer	Actress (*Glenn Martin DDS*, Two and a Half Men, *Archer*, *Reluctantly Healthy*)
August 7	Charlize Theron	Actress (2-time host of *Saturday Night Live*)
August 18	Kaitlin Olson	Actress (*It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*) and singer
August 21	Alicia Witt	Actress and singer (*Cybill*, *Justified*)
October 5	Kate Winslet	English Actress (*Mildred Pierce*)
October 12	Marion Jones	WNBA player

October 16	Kellie Martin	Actress (*Life Goes On*, *Christy*, *ER*)
November 21	Cherie Johnson	Actress (*Punky Brewster*)
December 10	Emmanuelle Chriqui	Canadian actress (*Entourage*, *Cleaners*)
December 12	Mayim Bialik	Actress (*Blossom*, *The Big Bang Theory*) and singer
December 17	Milla Jovovich	Actress
December 27	Heather O'Rourke	Actress (*Happy Days*; d. 1988)
December 30	Tiger Woods	Pro golfer

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 24	Larry Fine	72	American comic actor (Three Stooges)
May 4	Moe Howard	77	
June 28	Rod Serling	50	Television writer and creator of *The Twilight Zone* (1959–64) and *Night Gallery* (1969–73)

See also[edit]

- Family Viewing Hour

1976 in television

The year **1976 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in 1976.

Global television events[edit]

- The Olympics, broadcast from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, draw an estimated one billion viewers worldwide.
- Matsushita introduces the VHS home video cassette recorder to compete with Sony's Betamax system.

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 6	Danny Pintauro	Actor (Jonathan on *Who's the Boss?*)
January 7	Tyron Leitso	Canadian actor (*Being Erica*)
January 23	Tony Lucca	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*, *Malibu Shores*)
February 3	Isla Fisher	Australian actress (*Home and Away*)
February 7	Kelly Choi	South Korean-American television host
February 29	Ja Rule	Rapper, actor
March 13	Danny Masterson	Actor (*That '70s Show*)

March 23	Keri Russell	Actress (*Mickey Mouse Club*, *Felicity*)
April 6	Candace Cameron Bure	Actress (*Full House*)
April 20	Joey Lawrence	Actor (*Gimme a Break!*, *Blossom*)
May 10	Rhona Bennett	Singer and actress (*Mickey Mouse Club*)
June 5	Marc Worden	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*), voice-over actor (*Iron Man*)
July 9	Fred Savage	Actor and director (*The Wonder Years*)
July 19	Benedict Cumberbatch	Actor (*Sherlock*) (*The Hobbit*) (*Imitation Game*) Voice Actor (*Penguins of Madagascar*)
August 6	Soleil Moon Frye	Actress (*Punky Brewster*)
August 8	JC Chasez	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*) and singer (*NSYNC)
August 11	Will Friedle	Actor (*Boy Meets World*), voice actor (*Kim Possible*, *Transformers: Robots in Disguise*)
August 27	Sarah Chalke	Actress (*Roseanne*, *Scrubs*)
September 19	Alison Sweeney	Actress, host (*Days of Our Lives*, *The Biggest Loser*)
October 3	Seann William Scott	Actor
October 19	Omar Gooding	Actor (*Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*)

October 23	Ryan Reynolds	Actor (*Two Guys and a Girl*)
November 11	Lisa Gleave	Actress and model (*The Price Is Right*)
November 27	Jaleel White	Actor (Steve Urkel on *Family Matters*)
November 29	Anna Faris	Actress (*Mom*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 25	Jay Jostyn	74	American radio and TV actor)[1]
August 28	Anissa Jones	18	Child actress (Buffy on *Family Affair*)
December 12	Jack Cassidy	49	Actor (Oscar North on *He & She*)

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1976 in American television

This is a **list of American television**-related events in 1976.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	NBC officially replaces its snake and peacock logos with a "modern N," composed of blue and red trapezoids—and nearly identical to the logo for Nebraska Educational Telecommunications' TV network, prompting NET to sue NBC for trademark infringement.
January 11–12	*Eleanor and Franklin*, a two-part miniseries starring Jane Alexander and Edward Herrmann, airs on ABC.
January 17	The Blues Brothers make their debut on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, singing Slim Harpo's song "I'm a King Bee" in their Killer Bees costumes. Their first appearance as The Blues Brothers proper occurred in 1978.
February 1	The miniseries *Rich Man, Poor Man* debuts on ABC, becoming a critical and ratings success over its 12-episode run.
February 2	Jackie Gleason, Audrey Meadows, and Art Carney reunite in an ABC special, *The Honeymooners – The Second Honeymoon*.
February 19	CBS affiliate KXLY-TV in Spokane, Washington is given a "notice of termination" by the network, stripping KXLY-TV of its affiliation effective August 19. CBS cites business reasons (KXLY-TV had been airing several network programs out of pattern in recent years) as the reason they stripped KXLY-TV. In the end, CBS decides to affiliate with ABC affiliate KREM-TV, while KXLY-TV joins ABC. The move takes effect August 8 at the request of KREM-TV, who wanted to air ABC Sports' entire coverage of the 1976 Summer Olympics.[1][2][3][4][5]
February 29	The movie *The Sound of Music* is televised for the first time, on ABC.
	CBS affiliates KRSD-TV in Rapid City, South Dakota and KDSJ-TV in Lead both shut down after a 5-year struggle over their unsatisfactory technical operations, which had rendered complaints from viewers, NBC (its former affiliation before 1970), and the Federal Communications Commission. Dakota Broadcasting Company assumes a

	construction permit for new stations on KRSD-TV's channel 7 and KDSJ-TV's channel 5, which respectively sign-on as KEVN and KIVV-TV on July 11. This in turn will give the Rapid City area its first full-time ABC affiliate (A full-time CBS affiliate will return to Rapid City in 1981 when the network's Sioux Falls affiliate KELO-TV signs-on translator station K15AC (now KCLO-TV)).[6][7][8][9][10]
April 1–2	Helter Skelter, a two-part adaptation of Vincent Bugliosi's book about the Charles Manson case, airs on CBS, with Steve Railsback portraying Manson.
April 12	ABC airs its first *Monday Night Baseball* broadcast, taking over the package from NBC.
April 24	*Saturday Night Live* producer Lorne Michaels makes an on-air offer to pay The Beatles $3,000 to reunite on the show. John Lennon and Paul McCartney were apparently watching the show together in New York City and considered walking down to the studio to accept the check. Michaels would raise his offer to $3,200 on *SNL's* May 22 episode.
June 7	After several years providing commentaries for the show, David Brinkley joins John Chancellor as co-anchor of *NBC Nightly News*, an attempt by the network to bolster ratings against the *CBS Evening News* and to harken back to the success it had with *The Huntley-Brinkley Report*.
July 1	The pay TV network Showtime makes its debut, appearing only on a Dublin, California cable system. The network would expand nationally in 1978.
July 4	U.S. television networks present extensive coverage of nationwide events commemorating the country's bicentennial.
July 12	*Family Feud* premieres on ABC and would become daytime television's number 1 game show within the next few years and beyond.
September 6	In an experiment, New York City station WOR-TV replaces its normal programming for 5 exclusive nights of British shows from Thames Television.

September 16	WECA-TV in Tallahassee, Florida begins broadcasting, giving the Tallahassee market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
September 23	The first of three debates between U.S. presidential candidates Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter air in prime time; they are the first debates between major party nominees for U.S. President since 1960.
October 4	Newly arrived from NBC, Barbara Walters joins Harry Reasoner as co-anchor of the *ABC Evening News*. The pair have a noticeable lack of on-air chemistry, and by 1978 Reasoner would leave ABC to return to CBS and *60 Minutes*.
October 11	Jane Pauley makes her debut on NBC's *Today*.
October 29	WGTQ in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan signs-on as a full satellite of ABC affiliate WGTU in Traverse City, bringing the full ABC schedule to the Eastern Upper Peninsula.
November 7–8	The film *Gone with the Wind* makes its broadcast television debut on NBC; it would be the highest-rated program ever aired on a single network, only to be surpassed by *Roots* the following January.
November 9	The Museum of Broadcasting opens on the first 3 floors of the Paley Foundation building in New York City. The museum would later be renamed The Paley Center for Media.
December 14	Barbara Walters airs her first interview special for ABC, with guests Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Barbra Streisand, and Jon Peters.
December 17	At 1:00 p.m. (ET), Atlanta, Georgia station WTCG-TV begins satellite transmission of its regular programming to four cable systems, thus becoming the first superstation.
December 31	President Gerald Ford presents the last of the *Bicentennial Minutes* on CBS; the vignettes had been airing nightly on the network since July 4, 1974.
Also in	CBS' *Match Game* is the #1 rated game show on daytime television for the fourth

1976	consecutive year.
	Matsushita introduces the VHS home video cassette recorder to compete with Sony's Betamax system.

Programs[edit]

^[e] signifies that this show has a related event in the Events section above.

- ABC
  - *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
  - *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
  - *General Hospital* (1963–present)
  - *One Life to Live* (1968–present)
  - *All My Children* (1970–present)
  - *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
  - *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1996)
  - *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1973–1978)
  - *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
  - *Baretta* (1975–1978)
  - *Barney Miller* (1975–1982)
  - *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
  - *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
  - *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
  - *Welcome Back, Kotter* (1975–1979)
- CBS
  - *Love of Life* (1951–1980)

- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
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- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
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- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)
- *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–1978)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
- *Maude* (1972–1978)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980)
- *Kojak* (1973–1978, 2005–present)
- *Match Game '76* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *Good Times* (1974–1979)
- *Rhoda* (1974–1978)
- *Tattletales* (1974–1978, 1982–1984)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)

- *One Day at a Time* (1975–1984)

- NBC
  - *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
  - *The Today Show* (1952–present)
  - *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
  - *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
  - *Another World* (1964–1999)
  - *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
  - *Kimba the White Lion* (1966–1967) reruns.
  - *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
  - *McCloud* (1970–1977)
  - *McMillan & Wife* (1971–1977)
  - *Emergency!* (1972–1977)
  - *Sanford and Son* (1972–1977)
  - *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
  - *Chico and the Man* (1974–1978)
  - *Columbo* (1971–1978)
  - *Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* (1974–1984)
  - *Land of the Lost* (1974–1976)
  - *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
  - *Police Woman* (1974–1978)
  - *The Rockford Files* (1974–1980)
  - *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)[e]
  - *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)

- PBS
  - *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
  - *The Electric Company* (1971–1977)
  - *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
  - *Nova* (1974–present)
- In syndication
  - *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
  - *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
  - *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
  - *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
  - *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
  - *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
  - *Dinah!* (1974-1980)
  - *Match Game PM* (1975–1981)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 13	*The Adams Chronicles*	PBS
January 14	*The Bionic Woman*	ABC
January 21	*Dance in America*	PBS
January 27	*Laverne & Shirley*	ABC
January 28	*The Dumplings*	NBC

January 30	*The Practice*	
February 13	*Sara*	CBS
March 9	*Family*	ABC
May 31	*Viva Valdez*	
June 14	*The Gong Show*	NBC
July 12	*Family Feud*	ABC
August 5	*What's Happening!!*	
August 14	*Clue Club*	CBS
August 30	*New Howdy Doody Show*	Syndication
August 31	*Alice*	CBS
September 6	*In Search of...*	Syndication
September 9	*Delvecchio*	CBS
September 11	*Ark II*	
	Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle	
	Way Out Games	

	Big John, Little John	NBC
	The Kids From C.A.P.E.R.	
	McDuff, the Talking Dog	
	Monster Squad	
	Muggsy	
	Jabberjaw	ABC
	The Krofft Supershow	
	The Mumbly Cartoon Show	
	The Scooby-Doo/Dynomutt Hour	
September 17	*Spencer's Pilots*	CBS
September 19	*Cos*	ABC
September 20	*All's Fair*	CBS
September 21	*Rich Man, Poor Man Book II*	ABC
	Baa Baa Black Sheep	NBC
September 22	*The Quest*	

	Ball Four	CBS
	Charlie's Angels	ABC
September 23	*The Tony Randall Show*	
	Gemini Man	NBC
September 24	*Serpico*	
September 25	*Holmes & Yo-Yo*	ABC
	Mr. T and Tina	
September 27	*The Muppet Show*	Syndication
September 30	*The Nancy Walker Show*	ABC
October 3	*Quincy, M.E.*	NBC
October 4	*50 Grand Slam*	
	Stumpers	
October 16	*Most Wanted*	ABC
November 11	*Gibbsville*	NBC
December 1	*C.P.O. Sharkey*	

	The McLean Stevenson Show	
	Sirota's Court	
December 6	*The Feather and Father Gang*	ABC
December 13	*Double Dare*	CBS

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 3	*Cannon*	1971
March 30	*The Rookies*	1972
March 31	*The Dumplings*	1976
April 29	*Harry O*	1974
May 7	*Sara*	1976
July 29	*Marcus Welby, M.D.*	1969
September 6	*Medical Center*	
	Viva Valdez	1976
October 28	*Gemini Man*	
December	*Gibbsville*	

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Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 6	Danny Pintauro	Actor (*Who's the Boss?*)
January 15	Meredith Bishop	Actress (*The Secret World of Alex Mack*)
January 23	Tony Lucca	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*, *Malibu Shores*)
February 23	Kelly Macdonald	Scottish actress (*Boardwalk Empire*)
February 25	Rashida Jones	Actress (*Parks and Recreation*)
February 28	Ali Larter	Actress (*Heroes*, *Legends*)
March 13	Danny Masterson	Actor (*That '70s Show*)
March 19	Rachel Blanchard	Canadian actress (*Are You Afraid of the Dark?*, *Clueless*, *7th Heaven*)
March 22	Reese Witherspoon	Actress (*Return to Lonesome Dove*)
March 23	Keri Russell	Actress (*Mickey Mouse Club*, *Felicity*)
March 26	Amy Smart	Actress (*Felicity*)
March 30	Jessica Cauffiel	Actress

April 6	Candace Cameron	Actress (*Full House*, *Fuller House*)
April 7	Kevin Alejandro	Actor
April 18	Melissa Joan Hart	Actress (*Clarissa Explains it All*, *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*, *Melissa & Joey*)
April 20	Joey Lawrence	Actor (*Gimme a Break!*, *Blossom*, *Brotherly Love*, *Melissa & Joey*)
May 10	Rhona Bennett	Singer and actress (*Mickey Mouse Club*)
June 5	Marc Worden	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*), voice-over actor (*Iron Man*)
June 23	Emmanuelle Vaugier	Canadian actress (*One Tree Hill*, *CSI: NY*, *Two and a Half Men*)
July 3	Andrea Barber	Actress (*Full House*, *Fuller House*)
July 9	Fred Savage	Actor and director (*The Wonder Years*)
July 15	Diane Kruger	Actress (*The Bridge*)
July 19	Vinessa Shaw	Actress
August 6	Melissa George	Actress (*Alias*)
	Soleil Moon Frye	Actress (*Punky Brewster*)
August 8	JC Chasez	Actor (*Mickey Mouse Club*) and singer (*NSYNC)

August 9	Jessica Capshaw	Actress (*The Practice*, *Grey's Anatomy*) and stepdaughter of Steven Spielberg
August 11	Will Friedle	Actor (*Boy Meets World*, *Girl Meets World*), voice actor (*Kim Possible*)
August 20	Kristen Miller	Actress (*USA High*)
August 27	Sarah Chalke	Actress (*Roseanne*, *Scrubs*)
September 5	Carice van Houten	Dutch actress (*Game of Thrones*)
September 19	Alison Sweeney	Actress and host (*Days of Our Lives*, *The Biggest Loser*)
October 1	Danielle Bisutti	Actress (*True Jackson, VP*)
October 4	Alicia Silverstone	Actress (*Braceface*, *Miss Match*)
October 11	Emily Deschanel	Actress (*Bones*)
October 19	Desmond Harrington	Actor (*Dexter*)
	Omar Gooding	Actor (*Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*)
October 21	Jeremy Miller	Actor (*Growing Pains*)
October 23	Ryan Reynolds	Actor (*Two Guys and a Girl*)
October 31	Piper Perabo	Actress (*Covert Affairs*)

November 27	Jaleel White	Actor (Steve Urkel on *Family Matters*)
November 28	Geno Segers	Actor (*Pair of Kings*)
November 29	Anna Faris	Actress (*Mom*)
December 5	Amy Acker	Actress (*Angel*, *Alias*, *Happy Town*, *Person of Interest*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
August 28	Anissa Jones	18	Actress (Buffy on *Family Affair*)
December 12	Jack Cassidy	49	Actor (*He & She*)

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 3	Holly Hallstrom becomes the third model on the CBS game show *The Price is Right* along with Janice Pennington and Dian Parkinson. This lineup would remain unchanged for the next thirteen years until Kathleen Bradley joined in 1990.
January 15	Bill Murray joins the cast of *Saturday Night Live*, replacing Chevy Chase who left the previous year.
January 31	*The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries* premieres on ABC, featuring teen detectives Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys. The series alternates between The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew each week, with Pamela Sue Martin as Nancy Drew and Parker Stevenson and Shaun Cassidy as Frank and Joe Hardy. Co-starring includes Ed Gilbert as Fenton Hardy, Edith Atwater as Aunt Gertrude Hardy, and Lisa Eilbacher as Callie Shaw in the Hardy Boys part, with William Schallert as Carson Drew, Jean Rasey as George Fayne, and George O'Hanlon, Jr. as Ned Nickerson in the Nancy Drew part.
February 4	*American Bandstand* celebrates its 25th anniversary on television with a special hosted by Dick Clark. An "all-star band" made up of Chuck Berry, Seals & Crofts, Gregg Allman, Junior Walker, Johnny Rivers, the Pointer Sisters, Charlie Daniels, Doc Severinsen, Les McCann, Donald Byrd, Chuck Mangione and three members

	of Booker T and the MGs perform "Roll Over Beethoven."
February 27	Fed up with excessive violence and distorted images of sex on TV, the Reverend Donald Wildmon declares "Turn the Television Off Week." Few do.
March 1	The CBS game show *Match Game* is named the #1 rated game show on television for the fifth year in a row.
March 7	*Second Chance*, the forerunner to *Press Your Luck*, premieres on ABC.
March 15	Renata Scotto and Luciano Pavarotti are seen in "La bohème" on PBS and heard in stereo on local (mostly NPR) stations in the first live "simulcast" from the Met.
March 27	In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ABC affiliate WITI and CBS affiliate WISN-TV swap affiliations, reversing a swap that took place in 1961.[1][2]
June 6	Lisa Peluso makes her first appearance on the CBS soap opera *Search for Tomorrow*.
June 27	In San Diego, California, ABC, angered over the forced loss of their affiliation from XETV in nearby Tijuana, Mexico in 1973, moves from the station which forced the change, KCST-TV, to NBC affiliate KGTV. KCST-TV assumes KGTV's former NBC affiliation and is now KNSD, a NBC O&O.
August 16	Television stations nationwide interrupt regular programming following news of the death of Elvis Presley.
September 5	In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ABC affiliate WRBT (now WVLA-TV) and NBC affiliate WBRZ-TV swap affiliations. WBRZ-TV makes its move in search for stronger programming (ABC is, at the time, the nation's #1 rated television network, while NBC is in last place). The move is a precursor to similar events that will take place in the course of the next few years.
September 14	A tube top-clad woman named Yolanda Bowsley is called into Contestant's Row on *The Price is Right*, and while running down her breasts pop out of her shirt. The

	incident was censored with a large blue bar but it is still remembered today.
October 23	CBS affiliates WTEN in Albany, New York and WCDC in Adams, Massachusetts swap affiliations with ABC affiliate WAST after WTEN/WCDC's incoming owners Knight-Ridder sign an affiliation deal for the station with ABC.
October 24	A new Peanuts special, *It's Your First Kiss, Charlie Brown*, airs on CBS. It shows and names "Heather", the Little Red-Haired Girl, thereupon ending the 'mystery'.
November 6	KTVZ in Bend, Oregon signs-on as a NBC affiliate. Bend is technically still part of the Portland DMA at the time, but in 1981, it becomes its own television market.
November 30	CBS commentator Eric Sevareid bade farewell in his final two-minute segment on *The CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite*, after 48 years at CBS News.
December 2	Billy Crystal sets a winner's circle record by getting the contestant to the top of the pyramid in 26 seconds on ABC's *The $20,000 Pyramid*. The record still stands today.
December 11	In Huntsville, Alabama, NBC affiliate WAAY-TV swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WYUR in search for stronger programming (at the time, NBC is in last place among the three major networks, and ABC is in first place).

Programs[edit]

Series on air in 1977[edit]

ABC[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)

- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1996)
- *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1973–1978)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Baretta* (1975–1978)
- *Barney Miller* (1975–1982)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Welcome Back, Kotter* (1975–1979)
- *Charlie's Angels* (1976–1981)
- *Family Feud* (1976–1985, 1988–1995, 1999–present)
- *Laverne & Shirley* (1976–1983)
- *What's Happening!!* (1976–1979)

CBS*[edit]*

- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
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- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
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- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *Good Times* (1974–1979)
- *Rhoda* (1974–1978)
- *Tattletales* (1974–1978, 1982–1984)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *One Day at a Time* (1975–1984)
- *Alice* (1976–1985)
- *Wonder Woman* (1976–1979)

NBC*[edit]*

- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)

- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
- *McCloud* (1970–1977)
- *McMillan & Wife* (1971–1977)
- *Emergency!* (1972–1977)
- *Sanford and Son* (1972–1977)
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- *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
- *Police Woman* (1974–1978)
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- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)[e]
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)
- *The Gong Show* (1976-1980)
- *Quincy, M.E.* (1976–1983)
- *The Bionic Woman* (1976–1978)
- *C.P.O. Sharkey* (1976-1978)

PBS*[edit]*

- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *The Electric Company* (1971–1977)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)

- *Nova* (1974–present)

***In syndication**[edit]*

- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *Dinah!* (1974-1980)
- *Match Game PM* (1975–1981)
- *In Search of...* (1976–1982)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 3	*Lovers and Friends*	NBC
	Shoot for the Stars	
January 10	*Circus of the Stars*	CBS
January 17	*Busting Loose*	
January 30	*The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries*	ABC
January 31	*The Andros Targets*	CBS

Date	Show	Network
February 2	*Quinn Martin's Tales of the Unexpected*	NBC
February 18	*Hunter*	CBS
March 7	*Second Chance*	ABC
March 15	*Eight Is Enough*	ABC
March 15	*Three's Company*	ABC
March 20	*Loves Me, Loves Me Not*	CBS
March 23	*How Do You Like Your Eggs?*	QUBE
April 1	*This Week in Baseball*	Syndication
April 19	*The Amazing Spider-Man*	CBS
May 7	*Quark*	NBC
June 13	*It's Anybody's Guess*	NBC
July 18	*The Better Sex*	ABC
August 3	*The Kallikaks*	NBC
September 5	*The Fitzpatricks*	CBS

Date	Show	Network
September 10	*Baggy Pants and the Nitwits*	NBC
	CB Bears	
	I Am the Greatest: The Adventures of Muhammad Ali	
	The New Archie and Sabrina Hour	
	The Red Hand Gang	
	Search and Rescue	
	Space Sentinels	
	Thunder	
	Scooby's All-Star Laff-A-Lympics	ABC
	The Skatebirds	CBS
	Space Academy	
September 12	*The Betty White Show*	
	Young Dan'l Boone	
	Lucan	ABC

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22		
September 24	*The Love Boat*	ABC
October 1	*We've Got Each Other*	CBS
October 3	*Knockout*	NBC
	To Say the Least	
October 9	*On Our Own*	CBS
October 27	*James at 15*	NBC
December 1	*Pinwheel*	Nickelodeon

Returning this year[edit]

Title	Last aired	Previous network	New title	New network	Date of return
The Mickey Mouse Club	1959	ABC	*The New Mickey Mouse Club*	Syndication	January 17

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut

January 7	*New Howdy Doody Show*	1976
January 26	*The Practice*	
March 3	*The McLean Stevenson Show*	
March 18	*Sanford and Son*	1972
March 19	*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*	1970
March 30	*The Streets of San Francisco*	1972
April 13	*Sirota's Court*	1976
April 15	*The Electric Company*	1971
April 17	*McCloud*	1970
April 24	*McMillan & Wife*	1971
April 27	*Loves Me, Loves Me Not*	1977
May 16	*The Andros Targets*	
May 27	*Hunter*	
July 30	*The Feather and Father Gang*	1976
August 24	*Quinn Martin's Tales of the Unexpected*	1977

August 31	*The Kallikaks*	
September 2	*Let's Make a Deal*	1971
October 4	*The Richard Pryor Show*	1977
October 14	*Sanford Arms*	
November 16	*Busting Loose*	
November 30	*The Oregon Trail*	
December 3	*Emergency!*	1972
December 13	*Mulligan's Stew*	1977
December 19	*The San Pedro Beach Bums*	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
The Bionic Woman	ABC	NBC
Wonder Woman		CBS

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Debut	Name	Network

May 13	*The San Pedro Bums*	ABC
November 10	*The Incredible Hulk*	CBS
November 26	*The Hobbit*	NBC
December 11	*It Happened One Christmas*	CBS

Miniseries[edit]

Debut	Name	Network
January 23	*Roots*	ABC
April 3	*Jesus of Nazareth*	NBC

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 7	Dustin Diamond	Actor (*Saved by the Bell*)
January 8	Amber Benson	Actress (*Buffy, the Vampire Slayer*) and singer
January 21	Jerry Trainor	Actor (*Drake & Josh*, *iCarly*, *Wendell & Vinnie*, *T.U.F.F. Puppy*)
February 3	Maitland Ward	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Boy Meets World*)
March 8	Alison Becker	Actress (*Mayne Street*, *Dating Rules from My Future Self*, *Parks*

		and Recreation)
	James Van Der Beek	Actor (*Dawson's Creek*)
March 10	Bree Turner	Actress (*Undressed*, *Grimm*)
March 15	Brian Tee	Actor (*Chicago Med*)
March 24	Jessica Chastain	American actress
March 26	Bianca Kajlich	Actress (*Rules of Engagement*, *Undateable*)
March 28	Annie Wersching	Actress (*General Hospital*, *24*, *Bosch*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
April 12	Jordana Spiro	Actress (*The Huntress*, *My Boys*, *The Mob Doctor*)
	Sarah Jane Morris	Actress (*Brothers & Sisters*)
April 14	Sarah Michelle Gellar	Actress (*Swans Crossing*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Ringer*, *The Crazy Ones*)
April 24	Rebecca Mader	Actress (*Justice*, *Lost*, *Once Upon a Time*)
April 26	Jason Earles	Actor (*Hannah Montana*, *Kickin' It*)
	McKenzie Westmore	Actress (*Passions*, *All My Children*)
April 30	Alexandra	Actress

	Holden	
May 12	Rebecca Herbst	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *General Hospital*)
May 23	Heather Wahlquist	Actress
June 1	Sarah Wayne Callies	Actress (*Prison Break*, *The Walking Dead*)
	Andrea Bogart	Actress (*General Hospital*)
June 2	Zachary Quinto	Actor (*American Horror Story*)
June 5	Liza Weil	Actress (*Gilmore Girls*, *How to Get Away with Murder*)
July 1	Liv Tyler	Actress (*The Leftovers*)
July 13	Ashley Scott	Actress (*Dark Angel*, *Birds of Prey*, *Jericho*)
	Kari Wahlgren	Voice actress (*Naruto*, *Henry Hugglemonster*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *Fish Hooks*, *Gravity Falls*)
July 18	Kelly Reilly	British actress (*Black Box*)
July 27	Jason Zimbler	Actor (*Clarissa Explains It All*)
July 30	Jaime Pressly	Actress (*My Name Is Earl*)
August 2	Edward Furlong	Actor (*CSI: NY*)

August 27	Janet McLachlan	Actress
September 1	Adrienne Wilkinson	Actress (*Venice: The Series*, *Suspense*)
September 24	Elizabeth Bogush	Actress (*Titans*, *The Mountain*)
September 27	Mike Maronna	Actor (*The Adventures of Pete & Pete*)
October 11	Matt Bomer	Actor (*Guiding Light*, *Tru Calling*, *Chuck*, *White Collar*)
October 13	Kiele Sanchez	Actress (*Married to the Kellys*, *Related*, *The Glades*, *Kingdom*)
October 20	Jennifer Hall	Actress (*Up All Night*)
November 10	Brittany Murphy	Actress (*King of the Hill*) (d. 2009)
November 16	Gigi Edgley	Australian actress (*Farscape*, *The Secret Life of Us*, *Rescue Special Ops*)
	Maggie Gyllenhaal	Actress, singer and sister of Jake Gyllenhaal
November 18	Miranda Raison	British actress (*MI-5*, *Spotless*)
November 25	Jill Flint	Actress (*Royal Pains*, *The Night Shift*)
November	Beatrice Rosen	Actress (*Cuts*, *Backstrom*)

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December 6	Lindsey Alley	Actress (*The Mickey Mouse Club*, *On the Patio*)
December 17	Katheryn Winnick	Canadian actress (*Vikings*)
December 29	Katherine Moennig	Actress (*The L Word*, *Three Rivers*, *Ray Donovan*)
December 30	Lucy Punch	Actress (*The Class*, *Ben and Kate*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 28	Burt Mustin	92	Actor (*Leave It to Beaver*)
January 29	Freddie Prinze	22	Actor and comedian (*Chico and the Man*)
February 28	Eddie "Rochester" Anderson	71	Comedian (*The Jack Benny Program*)
March 27	Diana Hyland	41	Actress (*The Fugitive*)
April 21	Gummo Marx	84	Actor
June 14	Alan Reed	69	Actor (original voice of Fred Flintstone in *The Flintstones*)
August 16	Elvis Presley	42	Singer and actor (*The Ed Sullivan Show*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
August 19	Groucho Marx	86	Comedian, television host (*You Bet Your Life*)
August 22	Sebastian Cabot	59	Actor (*Family Affair*)
August 29	Jean Hagen	54	Actress (*Make Room for Daddy*)
October 14	Bing Crosby	74	Singer-songwriter and actor

1978 in American television

This is a list of American television-related events in 1978.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 15	Super Bowl XII airs on CBS, the first time the NFL's championship event is played and telecast at night
January 23	*Roots One Year Later*, a special examining the impact and influence of the miniseries, airs on ABC
January 28	The Doobie Brothers made a guest appearance on ABC's *What's Happening!!*
February 5	ABC celebrates its silver anniversary with a retrospective special
March 22	The Beatles spoof *The Rutles: All You Need Is Cash* airs on NBC
March 26–	CBS commemorated its golden anniversary in radio and TV broadcasting with *CBS:*

April 1	*On the Air*, a 9½-hour retrospective special airing over 7 nights
April 16–19	*Holocaust*, starring James Woods and Meryl Streep first aired on NBC
April 22	The Blues Brothers make their first appearance on *Saturday Night Live*; the duo of Jake & Elwood Blues (John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd) are introduced in a skit by Paul Shaffer (as Don Kirshner) and performs "Hey Bartender"
April 26	Ringo Starr's, *Ringo*, a musical version of *The Prince and the Pauper*, airs on NBC, with Starr's fellow former Beatle, George Harrison, providing the narration
July 10	The *ABC Evening News* was revamped and became *ABC World News Tonight*, employing a unique three-anchor setup (Frank Reynolds serving as lead anchor from Washington, Max Robinson presenting national news from Chicago, and Peter Jennings with international news from London)
August 1	Taking advantage of an oral escape-clause in his contract with ABC, Harry Reasoner returns to CBS, eventually rejoining *60 Minutes*
September 17	The ceremony formalizing the success of the peace talks between Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat—the Camp David accords—is televised live from the White House East Room
September 19	The chairs on which Archie and Edith Bunker sat through 8 seasons of *All in the Family* are presented to the Smithsonian Institution
September 27	Replacing Zara Cully and Damon Evans, Jay Hammer joins the cast of *The Jeffersons*, for a short period of time
November 17	*Star Wars Holiday Special* airs on CBS. The special gives fans their first glimpse of Boba Fett, a character from the upcoming *Star Wars* sequel

Programs[edit]

Series on air in 1978[edit]

ABC[edit]

- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1996)
- *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1973–1978)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Baretta* (1975–1978)
- *Barney Miller* (1975–1982)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Welcome Back, Kotter* (1975–1979)
- *Charlie's Angels* (1976–1981)
- *Family Feud* (1976–1985, 1988–1995, 1999–present)
- *Laverne & Shirley* (1976–1983)
- *What's Happening!!* (1976–1979)
- *Eight is Enough* (1977–1981)
- *Fantasy Island* (1977–1984)

- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *Soap* (1977–1981)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)

CBS*[edit]*

- *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *The Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *The Carol Burnett Show* (1967–1978)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
- *All in the Family* (1971–1979)
- *The Bob Newhart Show* (1972–1978)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
- *Maude* (1972–1978)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980)
- *Kojak* (1973–1978, 2005)
- *Match Game '78* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)

- *Good Times* (1974–1979)
- *Rhoda* (1974–1978)
- *Tattletales* (1974–1978, 1982–1984)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *One Day at a Time* (1975–1984)
- *Alice* (1976–1985)
- *Wonder Woman* (1976–1979)
- *The Amazing Spider-Man* (1977–1979)
- *Lou Grant* (1977–1982)

NBC*[edit]*

- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962-1992)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *The Wonderful World of Disney* (1969–1979)
- *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
- *Chico and the Man* (1974–1978)
- *Columbo* (1971–1978)
- *Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* (1974–1984)
- *Land of the Lost* (1974–1976)
- *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
- *Police Woman* (1974–1978)

- *The Rockford Files* (1974–1980)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)[e]
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)
- *The Gong Show* (1976-1980)
- *Quincy, M.E.* (1976–1983)
- *The Bionic Woman* (1976–1978)
- *CHiPs* (1977–1983)

PBS*[edit]*

- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Nova* (1974–present)

In syndication*[edit]*

- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *Dinah!* (1974–1980)
- *Match Game PM* (1975–1981)
- *In Search of...* (1976–1982)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)

HBO*[edit]*

- *Inside the NFL* (1977–present)

Nickelodeon[edit]

- *Pinwheel* (1977–1990)

Shows that take place in 1978[edit]

- *Best Friends Whenever* (2015) They time traveled to 1978.

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 14	*Fantasy Island*	ABC
February 12	*How the West Was Won*	CBS
February 19	*Project U.F.O.*	NBC
March 10	*The Incredible Hulk*	CBS
April 2	*Dallas*	
April 3	*Pass the Buck*	
	Ever Increasing Faith	Syndication
April 8	*The Ted Knight Show*	CBS
	Another Day	
April 24	*Card Sharks*	NBC
April 25	*Vega$*	ABC

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<tr><td>July 10</td><td>World News Tonight</td><td>ABC</td></tr>
<tr><td>September 1</td><td>Battle of the Planets</td><td>Syndication</td></tr>
<tr><td>September 7</td><td>Grandpa Goes to Washington</td><td rowspan="6">NBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>September 8</td><td>The Eddie Capra Mysteries</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Godzilla</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Fangface</td><td>ABC</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Paper Chase</td><td rowspan="3">CBS</td></tr>
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10	*Sword of Justice*	NBC
September 12	*Taxi*	ABC
September 13	*W.E.B.*	NBC
September 14	*Mork & Mindy*	ABC
September 17	*Battlestar Galactica*	
	Lifeline	NBC
September 18	*WKRP in Cincinnati*	CBS
September 22	*The Waverly Wonders*	NBC
	Who's Watching the Kids	
September 23	*Apple Pie*	ABC
	The American Girls	CBS
September 24	*Mary*	
October 1	*Centennial*	NBC

Date	Show	Network
October 30	*A.M. Weather*	PBS
November 2	*David Cassidy: Man Under Cover*	NBC
November 3	*Diff'rent Strokes*	
November 27	*The White Shadow*	CBS

Shows returning[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Retitled as/Same	Returning
High Rollers	1976	NBC	Same	April 24
Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	1970	CBS		September 9
Jeopardy!	1975	NBC	*The All-New Jeopardy!*	October 2

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 6	*The Six Million Dollar Man*	1973

March 29	*The Carol Burnett Show*	1967
March 30	*Police Woman*	1974
March 31	*Tattletales*	
April 1	*The Bob Newhart Show*	1972
April 7	*Quark*	1977
April 29	*Maude*	1972
	Another Day	1978
May 13	*The Ted Knight Show*	
	The Bionic Woman	1976
	Columbo	1971
May 18	*Baretta*	1975
July 21	*Chico and the Man*	1974
November 4	*Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!*	1969
November 10	*The American Girls*	1978
December 2	*Yogi's Space Race*	

December 4	*Lucan*	1977
December 9	*Rhoda*	1974
December 16	*The New Fantastic Four*	1978

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Date of airing
King	NBC	February 12–14
Holocaust		April 16–19
Centennial		October 1–February 4
Someone's Watching Me!		November 29

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	January Jones	Actress (*Mad Men*)
January 15	Eddie Cahill	Actor (*CSI: NY*)
January 24	Kristen Schaal	Actress (*Bob's Burgers*, *The Last Man on Earth*, *Gravity Falls*)
January 26	Kelly Stables	Actress (*W.I.T.C.H.*, *Two and a Half Men*, *The Exes*)

February 3	Kelly Sullivan	Actress (*Henry Danger*)
February 7	Ashton Kutcher	Actor (*That '70s Show*)
February 14	Joanna Canton	Actress
	Danai Gurira	Actor (*The Walking Dead*)
February 20	Lauren Ambrose	Actress (*Six Feet Under*)
March 1	Donovan Patton	Actor (*Blue's Clues*)
	Jensen Ackles	Actor (*Supernatural*)
March 5	Kimberly McCullough	Actress (*Once and Again*, *General Hospital*)
March 17	Patrick Seitz	Actor
March 23	Anastasia Griffith	Actress (*Damages*, *Trauma*, *Copper*)
	Nicholle Tom	Actress (*The Nanny*)
March 25	Maribeth Monroe	Actress and comedian (*Workaholics*, *The Brink*)
April 2	Jaime Ray Newman	Actress (*General Hospital*, *Eastwick*)
April 13	Kyle Howard	Actor (*My Boys*)
April 22	Manu Intiraymi	Actor (*Star Trek: Voyager*)

April 26	Stana Katic	Actress (*Castle*)
May 10	Corri English	Actress
	Kenan Thompson	Actor (*Kenan & Kel*, *Saturday Night Live*)
May 12	Jason Biggs	Actor (*Orange Is the New Black*)
	Malin Akerman	Actress (*Childrens Hospital*, *Trophy Wife*)
May 17	Kat Foster	Actress (*'Til Death*)
May 22	Ginnifer Goodwin	Actress (*Ed*, *Big Love*, *Once Upon a Time*)
May 26	Benji Gregory	Actor (*ALF*)
June 2	Justin Long	Actor (*Ed*)
	Nikki Cox	Actress (*Las Vegas*)
June 6	Judith Barsi	Actress (d. 1988)
June 7	Bill Hader	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
June 10	Shane West	Actor (*Once and Again*, *ER*, *Nikita*)
June 11	Joshua Jackson	Canadian actor (*Dawson's Creek*)

June 13	Ethan Embry	Actor (*Brotherhood*)
June 21	Erica Durance	Actress (*Smallville*, *Saving Hope*)
July 1	Hillary Tuck	Actress (*Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show*)
July 4	Becki Newton	Actress (*Ugly Betty*, *The Goodwin Games*)
July 6	Tamera Mowry	Actresses (*Sister, Sister*, *Tia & Tamera*)
	Tia Mowry	Actresses (*Sister, Sister*, *Tia & Tamera*, *Instant Mom*)
July 9	Linda Park	Actress (*Star Trek: Enterprise*)
July 12	Michelle Rodriguez	Actress (*Lost*)
	Topher Grace	Actor (*That '70s Show*)
July 18	Eddie Matos	Actor (*Port Charles*)
July 22	A.J. Cook	Actress (*Higher Ground*, *Criminal Minds*)
August 2	Natashia Williams	Actress (*Romeo!*)
August 20	Noah Bean	Actor (*Nikita*)
August 24	Beth Riesgraf	Actress (*Leverage*, *Caper*)
August 25	Kel Mitchell	Actor (*Kenan & Kel*, *Game Shakers*)

August 26	Amanda Schull	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*, *Suits*, *12 Monkeys*)
August 28	Kelly Overton	Actress (*All My Children*, *True Blood*, *Legends*)
September 4	Wes Bentley	Actor (*American Horror Story*)
September 12	Benjamin McKenzie	Actor (*The O.C.*)
September 13	Megan Henning	Actress (*7th Heaven*)
September 23	Keri Lynn Pratt	Actress (*Jack & Bobby*)
October 16	Kala Savage	Actress
October 17	Erin Karpluk	Canadian actress (*Being Erica*)
October 20	Dionne Quan	Voice actress (Trixie Tang on *The Fairly OddParents*)
October 31	Brian Hallisay	Actor (*Privileged*, *The Client List*, *Revenge*)
November 12	Ashley Williams	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Good Morning, Miami*, *The Jim Gaffigan Show*)
November 15	Samantha Shelton	Actress (*Monarch Cove*)
November 17	Rachel McAdams	Actress (*True Detective*)

November 24	Katherine Heigl	Actress (*Roswell*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *State of Affairs*)
November 29	Lauren German	Actress (*Chicago Fire*)
December 7	Shiri Appleby	Actress (*Roswell*, *Life UneXpected*, *UnREAL*)
December 8	Ian Somerhalder	Actor (*The Vampire Diaries*)
December 18	Katie Holmes	Actress (*Dawson's Creek*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 28	Zara Cully	86	Actress (Mother Olivia Jefferson on *The Jeffersons*)
March 18	Peggy Wood	86	Actress (*One Life to Live*)
April 22	Will Geer	76	Actor (Grandpa Walton on *The Waltons*)
May 21	Bruce Geller	47	Screenwriter, producer (*Mannix*)
June 29	Bob Crane	49	Actor (Col. Hogan on *Hogan's Heroes*)

1979 in American television

This is a **list of American television**-related events of 1979.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 3	The USA Network is founded.
January 10	The Music for UNICEF Concert is televised from New York City on NBC.
February 11	In the U.S., 43 million viewers watch *Elvis*, an ABC movie starring Kurt Russell as Elvis Presley.
March 5	KSTP-TV in Saint Paul, Minnesota ends its 31-year relationship as the Twin Cities' NBC affiliate and joins ABC in what is called the network's biggest coup yet. NBC, meanwhile, aligns with Metromedia-owned independent station WTCN-TV, while former ABC affiliate KMSP-TV, having failed to procure a NBC affiliation, becomes independent itself.[1][2]
March 6	On NBC, *Another World* becomes the only soap opera to air regularly scheduled 90-minute telecasts (it would go back to 60-minute episodes in 1980). Meanwhile, on ABC, *Family Feud* increases its goal to 300 points.
March 19	C-SPAN, an American television channel focusing on government and public affairs, is launched.
April 1	Nickelodeon, an American cable channel focusing on children's programming, is launched.
April 8	On CBS, the final episode of *All in the Family* is seen by 40.2 American viewers (it will relaunch the following season as *Archie Bunker's Place*).
April 22	*Friendly Fire*, an ABC movie starring Carol Burnett as a mother who wants to know how her son died in Vietnam, airs.
April 23	*The Price Is Right*, on CBS, moves to 11:00 A.M. EST, the time slot that it holds to this day.

August 1	In Indianapolis, Indiana, NBC affiliate WRTV swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WTHR, citing a stronger affiliation (at the time, NBC is in last place among the three major networks).[3]
September 7	ESPN, an all-sports channel, launches and becomes the first cable TV channel to be launched as a 24-hour channel.
September 19	On the two-hour *Eight Is Enough* season premiere on ABC, both David and Susan Bradford married their respective loves in a double ceremony.
October 6	KTAB-TV in Abilene, Texas begins broadcasting as a CBS affiliate, taking that affiliation from KTXS-TV. KTXS-TV then elevates its secondary ABC affiliation to full-time status, making Abilene one of the last markets in the country to receive full service from the three major networks.
November 4	*Jaws* is broadcast on television for the first time on ABC.
December 1	The Movie Channel, an American premium cable channel, begins broadcasting movies 24/7.

Programs[edit]

- ABC
  - *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
  - *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
  - *General Hospital* (1963–present)
  - *One Life to Live* (1968–2012)
  - *All My Children* (1970–2011)
  - *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
  - *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1996)
  - *Happy Days* (1974–1984)

- *Barney Miller* (1975–1982)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Tom and Jerry* (1965–1972, 1975–1977, 1980–1982)
- *Welcome Back, Kotter* (1975–1979)
- *Charlie's Angels* (1976–1981)
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- *Laverne & Shirley* (1976–1983)
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- *Fantasy Island* (1977–1984)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *Soap* (1977–1981)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)
- *20/20* (1978–present)
- *Mork & Mindy* (1978–1982)
- *Taxi* (1978–1983)

- CBS
  - *Love of Life* (1951–1980)
  - *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
  - *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
  - *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
  - *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
  - *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)

- - *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
  - *Hawaii Five-O* (1968–1980)
  - *All in the Family* (1971–1979)
  - *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
  - *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
  - *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
  - *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
  - *Barnaby Jones* (1973–1980)
  - *Match Game '79* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
  - *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
  - *Good Times* (1974–1979)
  - *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
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  - *Alice* (1976–1985)
  - *Wonder Woman* (1976–1979)
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  - *Lou Grant* (1977–1982)
  - *Dallas* (1978–1991)
  - *WKRP in Cincinnati* (1978–1982)
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- *Another World* (1964–1999)
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- *Quincy, M.E.* (1976–1983)
- *CHiPs* (1977–1983)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)

- PBS
    - *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
    - *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
    - *Nova* (1974–present)
- In syndication
    - *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
    - *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
    - *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
    - *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
    - *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
    - *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
    - *Dinah!* (1974-1980)

    - *Match Game PM* (1975–1981)
    - *In Search of...* (1976–1982)
    - *The Gong Show* (1976-1980)
    - *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
    - *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)
    - *Battle of the Planets* (1978–1985)
- HBO
    - *Inside the NFL* (1977–present)
- Nickelodeon
    - *Pinwheel* (1979–1990)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 8	*All Star Secrets*	NBC
	Password Plus	
January 18	*Delta House*	ABC
January 20	*Salvage 1*	
January 21	*Brothers and Sisters*	NBC
January 22	*Nightly Business Report*	PBS
January 26	*The Dukes of Hazzard*	CBS

Date	Show	Network
	Hello, Larry	NBC
	Turnabout	
January 28	*CBS News Sunday Morning*	CBS
February 1	*Makin' It*	ABC
February 3	*The New Fred and Barney Show*	NBC
February 7	*Supertrain*	
February 8	*Angie*	ABC
February 20	*This Old House*	PBS
February 26	*Billy*	CBS
	Flatbush	
February 27	*Cliffhangers*	NBC
March 4	*Stockard Channing in Just Friends*	CBS
March 13	*The Ropers*	ABC
March 15	*Harris and Company*	NBC

Date	Show	Network
March 24	*The Bad News Bears*	CBS
March 28	*Dear Detective*	ABC
April 6	*The Mackenzies of Paradise Cove*	
April 12	*Highridge Manor*	NBC
	Whodunnit?	
April 18	*Real People*	
April 23	*Whew!*	CBS
May 10	*Hizzonner*	NBC
July 31	*Detective School*	ABC
August 24	*The Facts of Life*	NBC
August 25	*Hart to Hart*	ABC
August 28	*240-Robert*	
September 1	*Lap Quilting with Georgia Bonesteel*	PBS
	The Woodwright's Shop	

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	A Man Called Sloane	
	The New Adventures of Flash Gordon	
	The New Shmoo	
	The Super Globetrotters	
	Scooby-Doo and Scrappy-Doo	
	Spider-Woman	ABC
September 23	*The Associates*	
	Archie Bunker's Place	
September 25	*California Fever*	
	Trapper John, M.D.	CBS
September 29	*Big Shamus, Little Shamus*	
	Paris	
October 26	*Shirley*	NBC
October 29	*Freedom Road*	

Date	Show	Network
November 8	*Nightline* (debuting as *The Iran Crisis–America Held Hostage*)	ABC
November 28	*Young Maverick*	CBS
December 17	*House Calls*	
December 27	*Knots Landing*	

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 12	*The Eddie Capra Mysteries*	1978
January 16	*Grandpa Goes to Washington*	
March 2	*The All-New Jeopardy*	
March 16	*Makin' It*	1979
April 8	*All in the Family*	1971
April 20	*Match Game*	1973
April 28	*What's Happening!!*	1976
April 29	*Battlestar Galactica*	1978

Date	Show	Debut
May 15	*Starsky and Hutch*	1975
June 8	*Welcome Back, Kotter*	
June 23	*Stockard Channing in Just Friends*	1979
July 6	*The Amazing Spider-Man*	1977
July 11	*Sword of Justice*	1978
July 12	*David Cassidy: Man Undercover*	
August 1	*Good Times*	1974
September 11	*Wonder Woman*	1976
November 24	*Detective School*	1979
December 8	*Godzilla*	1978

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere date
All Quiet on the Western Front	CBS	November 14
Backstairs at the White House	NBC	January 29

Title	Network	Premiere date
Roots: The Next Generations	ABC	February 18 (7 episodes)
Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July	ABC	November 25
The Berenstain Bears' Christmas Tree	NBC	December 3
The Miracle Worker	NBC	October 14

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 8	Sarah Polley	Actress (*Ramona*, *Road to Avonlea*)
January 9	Joshua Harto	Actor (*That's So Raven*)
January 16	Aaliyah	American singer (d. 2001)
January 24	Ricardo Medina Jr.	Actor (*Power Rangers Wild Force*)
	Tatyana Ali	Actress (*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*)
January 26	Sara Rue	Actress (*Less than Perfect*)
January 30	Michelle Langstone	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers S.P.D.*)
February 7	Cerina Vincent	Actress (*Stuck in the Middle*)

February 11	Brandy Norwood	Singer and actress (*Moesha*)
February 18	Tyrone D. Burton	Actor (*The Parent 'Hood*)
February 20	Bianca Lawson	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*)
February 21	Jennifer Love Hewitt	Actress (*Party of Five*, *Ghost Whisperer*)
March 17	Stephen Kramer Glickman	Canadian actor (*Big Time Rush*)
March 24	Lake Bell	Actress (*How to Make it in America*)
March 25	Lee Pace	Actor (*Pushing Daisies*)
April 4	Heath Ledger	Actor (*Sweat*) (d. 2008)
April 9	Keshia Knight Pulliam	Actress (*The Cosby Show*)
April 12	Claire Danes	Actress (*Homeland*)
	Jennifer Morrison	Actress (*House*, *Once Upon a Time*)
April 18	Kourtney Kardashian	Actress (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
April 23	Jaime King	Actress (*Hart of Dixie*)
May 5	Vincent Kartheiser	Actor (*Mad Men*)
May 9	Rosario Dawson	Actor (*Gemini Division*)

May 16	Jessica Morris	Actress (*One Life to Live*)
May 22	Maggie Q	Actress (*Nikita*, *Stalker*)
May 30	Jenny Mollen	Actress
May 31	Rhoda Montemayor	Actress (*Power Rangers Operation Overdrive*)
June 2	Morena Baccarin	Actress (*Homeland*)
June 5	Pete Wentz	American musician (*Fall Out Boy*)
June 7	Anna Torv	Actress (*Fringe*)
June 21	Chris Pratt	Actor (*Everwood*, *Parks and Recreation*)
June 25	Busy Philipps	Actress (*Dawson's Creek*, *Cougar Town*)
June 28	Felicia Day	Actress (*The Guild*)
July 16	Jayma Mays	Actress (*Glee*)
August 3	Danso Gordon	Canadian actor (*In a Heartbeat*, *South of Nowhere*)
August 10	JoAnna Garcia	Actress (*Reba*, *Privileged*, *Better with You*, *The Astronaut Wives Club*)
August 12	Peter Browngardt	Voice actor (*Uncle Grandpa*)
August 22	Jennifer Finnigan	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Close to Home*, *Better*

		with You, *Tyrant*)
August 23	Clare Grant	Actress
September 9	Nikki DeLoach	Actress (*Awkward*)
September 15	Amy Davidson	Actress (*8 Simple Rules*)
September 18	Alison Lohman	Actress (*Pasadena*)
September 24	Erin Chambers	Actress (*General Hospital*)
	Justin Bruening	Actor (*All My Children*)
October 2	Brianna Brown	Actress (*General Hospital*, *Devious Maids*)
October 4	Rachael Leigh Cook	Actress (*Perception*)
October 7	Shawn Ashmore	Canadian actor (*In a Heartbeat*, *The Following*)
October 8	Kristanna Loken	Actress and model (*Painkiller Jane*)
October 25	Sarah Thompson	Actress (*Angel*, *7th Heaven*)
October 31	Mat Lucas	Voice actor (*Star Wars: Clone Wars*)
November 13	Metta World Peace	NBA player

November 23	Jonathan Sadowski	Actor (*$h*! My Dad Says*, *Young & Hungry*)
	Kelly Brook	Model and actress (*Smallville*)
December 2	Melissa Archer	Actress (*One Life to Live*)
December 11	Rider Strong	Actor (*Boy Meets World*)
December 15	Adam Brody	Actor (*The O.C.*)
December 21	Rutina Wesley	Actress (*True Blood*)
December 26	Chris Daughtry	Singer (*American Idol*)
December 28	Bree Williamson	Actress (*One Life to Live*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 11	Jack Soo	61	Actor (Nick Yemana on *Barney Miller*)
January 16	Ted Cassidy	46	Actor (Lurch on *The Addams Family*)
January 27	Dick Wesson	59	Actor, announcer (*The Wonderful World of Disney*)
July 29	Bill Todman	62	Game show producer (*Match Game*, *What's My Line?*)

Date	Name	Ag e	Notability
August 17	Vivian Vance	70	Actress (Ethel Mertz on *I Love Lucy*)
November 30	Zeppo Marx	78	Actor and comedian

1980 in American television

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1979–80 United States network television schedule

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List of American television shows currently in production

The year **1980** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events in the United States.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	In Dayton, Ohio, the decade begins with an affiliation swap between NBC affiliate WDTN and ABC affiliate WKEF-TV; the swap is reversed in 2004.
January 25	Black Entertainment Television launches in the United States as a block of programming on the Nickelodeon TV Network; it won't be until 1983 that BET becomes a full-fledged channel.
February 1	After 29 years on the air, the soap opera *Love of Life* airs its last episode on CBS.
February 3	*Bob Hope's Overseas Christmas Tours*, a two-part six-hour retrospective of Bob Hope's more than 30 years of entertaining at military bases and hospitals in the U.S. and abroad, airs on NBC.
February 14	Walter Cronkite announces his retirement from the *CBS Evening News*, which takes effect in March 1981.
March 16	The first regularly scheduled use of closed captioning on American network television occurs on ABC, with captions of spoken dialogue added to programming received through a decoding unit attached to a standard TV set.[1]
March 21	On the season finale of *Dallas* on CBS, J. R. Ewing is shot by an unseen assailant, leading to the catchphrase "Who shot J.R.?".
March 31	In Jacksonville, Florida, NBC affiliate WTLV, in search of stronger programming, swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WJKS. The swap will be reversed in 1988.
April 7	*The Oldest Living Graduate*, a live drama on NBC, is broadcast; the first such program

	on the network since 1962. The production is aired from Southern Methodist University and stars Henry Fonda, George Grizzard, and Cloris Leachman.
April 11	WMDT in Salisbury, Maryland signs on, giving the Delmarva Peninsula market its first full-time ABC affiliate. It also takes WBOC-TV's secondary NBC affiliation, leaving WBOC-TV as a full-time CBS affiliate.
April 29	The NFL Draft is televised for the first time on ESPN.
May 6	Ron Howard and Donny Most leave the cast of ABC's *Happy Days* as regulars, following the episode "Ralph's Family Problem". When *Happy Days* returns in the fall, Henry Winkler is given top billing in the opening credits.
May 24	NBC airs The Not Ready For Prime Time Players' final episode on *Saturday Night Live*, after five seasons.
June 1	The Cable News Network (CNN) begins broadcasting.
June 20	*Hollywood Squares* presents its 3,536th and final network telecast on NBC, ending a 14-year daytime run; it remains the second-longest-running daytime game show in the network's history, behind the original 1958–73 run of *Concentration*. Two other NBC game shows, *High Rollers* and *Chain Reaction*, end their runs on this date as well.
June 23	*The David Letterman Show* debuts on NBC. Letterman's humor does not go over well with a morning audience, and the show is canceled in October. Letterman would stay at NBC and go on to host a late night show on the network two years later.
June 30	The ABC game show *Family Feud* moves from airing at 11:30 am ET to 12:00 noon. It is one of the few network daytime shows to survive at noon, a time slot where many stations preempt network fare for local news broadcasts.
July 4	The Screen Actors Guild and AFTRA launch a three-month strike against television and movie studios. The strike greatly delays US networks' fall seasons (some shows don't see their fall debuts until late October or November, if not much later), and prompts a union boycott of the 1980 Emmy Awards in September. The unions would ratify a new

	deal on October 25 to officially end the strike.
August 1	Ending a failed experiment, the NBC soap opera *Another World* airs its last regularly scheduled ninety-minute episode. The show returns to sixty minutes on August 4, allowing room for a spin-off, *Texas*, based around Beverlee Mckinsey's *Another World* character, Iris Cory Carrington.
	The 24/7 cable movie network Cinemax launches.
September 1	In Atlanta, Georgia, long-time NBC affiliate WSB-TV swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WXIA-TV, citing a stronger affiliation (at the time, NBC is in last place among the three major networks). Over the summer, in preparation for the switch, both stations had conducted an experiment unusual for a market Atlanta's size: WXIA-TV aired NBC's daytime programs in the morning and ABC's afternoon programs, and vice versa for WSB-TV.
November 2	The CBS comedy *Archie Bunker's Place* begins its season with the episode "Archie Alone", in which Archie Bunker grieves over the death of wife Edith (prompted by Jean Stapleton's departure from the series). Carroll O'Connor's performance in this episode earns him a Peabody Award.
November 15	*Saturday Night Live* premiers its sixth season on NBC with a new cast and new writers under the reins of Michaels' replacement Jean Doumanian, to widespread negative reviews.
November 18	*Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters* (Barbara, Louise and Irlene Mandrell) makes its debut on NBC, with a special guest appearance by Dolly Parton. The show was the last variety show on network TV with over 40 million viewers.
November 21	The mystery of "Who Shot J.R.?" is solved on *Dallas*; the revelation that Sue Ellen's sister Kristin (played by Mary Crosby) did the deed) draws a record number of viewers.
November 22	Eddie Murphy made his first *Saturday Night Live* appearance, appearing in a non-speaking role in the sketch "In Search Of The Negro Republican".
	WPDE-TV in Florence, South Carolina signs on, giving the Pee Dee market its first full-

	time ABC affiliate.
December 8	On ABC, Howard Cosell announces the murder of former Beatle John Lennon in the closing seconds of a *Monday Night Football* game. NBC also reports the murder of Lennon, interrupting *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* for a news bulletin.
December 24	WVGA in Valdosta, Georgia signs-on the air and targets the neighboring Albany market, giving that market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
December 20	NBC Sports broadcasts the New York Jets 24–17 season-ending victory over the Miami Dolphins without announcers, the only time that has ever been done with an NFL game.
December 30	After 26 years on the air, 20 of which were on NBC, the network announces that the long-running anthology *Disney's Wonderful World* will not be on its fall 1981 schedule; the show will, however, be picked up by CBS.

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978–present)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *ABC's Wide World of Sports* (1961–1998)
- *Alice* (1976–1985)
- *All My Children* (1970–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *Archie Bunker's Place* (1979–1983)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Barney Miller* (1975–1982)
- *Battle of the Planets* (1978–1985)

- *Benson* (1979–1986)
- *Bozo the Clown* (1949–present)
- *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* (1979–1981)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–present)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Charlie's Angels* (1976–1981)
- *CHiPs* (1977–1983)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* (1974–1984)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)
- *Disney's Wonderful World* (1954–present; 1979–1981 under this title)
- *Eight is Enough* (1977–1981)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Family Feud* (1976–1985, 1988–1995, 1999–present)
- *Fantasy Island* (1977–1984)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)

- *In Search of...* (1977–1982)
- *It's Academic* (1961–present)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *Laverne & Shirley* (1976–1983)
- *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
- *Lou Grant* (1977–1982)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Match Game* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Match Game PM* (1975–1981)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (1968–2001)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Mork & Mindy* (1978–1982)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *Nightline* (1979–present)
- *One Day at a Time* (1975–1984)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–present)
- *Professional Bowlers Tour* (1962–1997)
- *Quincy, M.E.* (1976–1983)
- *Real People* (1979–1984)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)

- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Soap* (1977–1981)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *Taxi* (1978–1983)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–1985)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
- *The Tonight Show* (1962–1992 as *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*)
- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)

- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)
- *WKRP in Cincinnati* (1978–1982)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 6	*Skag*	NBC
January 14	*3-2-1 Contact*	PBS
January 22	*Goodtime Girls*	ABC
January 27	*Galactica 1980*	
February 5	*Mystery!*	PBS
March 1	*Pink Lady*	NBC
March 3	*That's Incredible!*	ABC
March 4	*The Big Show*	NBC
March 5	*Beyond Westworld*	CBS
March 11	*United States*	NBC
March 15	*Sanford*	

March 22	*Me and Maxx*	
	The Tim Conway Show	CBS
March 24	*Flo*	
	The Stockard Channing Show	
April 11	*Fridays*	ABC
May 5	*America's Top 10*	Syndication
June 1	*Moneyline*	CNN
June 26	*Nobody's Perfect*	ABC
August 4	*Texas*	NBC
August 9	*That's My Line*	CBS
August 21	*Games People Play*	NBC
September 6	*Livewire*	Nickelodeon
September 13	*The Lone Ranger*	ABC
	Solid Gold	Syndication
September 28	*Cosmos*	PBS

October 4	*Heathcliff*	ABC
October 4	*Thundarr the Barbarian*	ABC
October 27	*Blockbusters*	NBC
October 27	*Gambit*	NBC
October 27	*Ladies' Man*	CBS
October 30	*It's a Living*	ABC
October 31	*I'm a Big Girl Now*	ABC
November 8	*Scooby-Doo and Scrappy-Doo*	ABC
November 11	*Too Close for Comfort*	ABC
November 12	*Enos*	CBS
November 18	*Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters*	NBC
November 27	*Bosom Buddies*	ABC
November 29	*Breaking Away*	ABC
December 6	*Freebie and the Bean*	CBS
December 6	*Secrets of Midland Heights*	CBS

December 10	*Number 96*	
December 11	*Magnum, P.I.*	

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 3	*Spider-Woman*	1979
January 5	*A New Kind of Family*	
	Scooby-Doo and Scrappy-Doo	
February 1	*Love of Life*	1951
March 26	*The Ultraman*	1979
April 26	*Hawaii Five-O*	1968
April 30	*Hello, Larry*	1979
June 20	*Chain Reaction*	1980
	High Rollers	1974
	Hollywood Squares	1966
June 27	*The $20,000 Pyramid*	1973

July 25	*The Rockford Files*	1974
August 28	*Nobody's Perfect*	1980
September 4	*Barnaby Jones*	1973
October 23	*Angie*	1979
	Armchair Thriller	1978
	Dinah!	1974
	Magpie	1968

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Network
April 15	*Guyana Tragedy: The Story of Jim Jones*	CBS
May 11	*The Return of the King*	ABC
May 19	*The Scarlett O'Hara War*	NBC
September 15	*Shogun* (miniseries)	NBC

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

January 4	June Diane Raphael	Actress (*Burning Love*, *NTSF:SD:SUV*, *Grace and Frankie*)
January 8	Rachel Nichols	Actress (*The Inside*, *Alias*, *Criminal Minds*, *Continuum*)
January 10	Sarah Shahi	Actress (*The L Word*, *Fairly Legal*, *Person of Interest*)
January 17	Zooey Deschanel	Actress (*New Girl*) and singer
January 18	Estelle	Voice actress (*Steven Universe*)
January 22	Christopher Masterson	Actor (*Malcolm in the Middle*)
January 28	Nick Carter	Actor (*House of Carters*)
January 30	Wilmer Valderrama	Actor (*That '70s Show*, *Handy Manny*)
February 9	Margarita Levieva	Russian-born actress (*Vanished*, *Revenge*, *Allegiance*)
February 11	Matthew Lawrence	Actor (*Drexell's Class*, *Brotherly Love*, *Boy Meets World*)
February 12	Sarah Lancaster	Actress (*Saved by the Bell: The New Class*, *Chuck*)
	Christina Ricci	Actress (*Pan Am*)
February 17	Jason Ritter	Actor (*Joan of Arcadia*, *The Class*, *Parenthood*, *Gravity Falls*)
March 3	Katherine Waterston	English actress
March 7	Laura Prepon	Actress (*That '70s Show*)

March 12	John-Paul Lavoisier	Actor (*One Life to Live*)
March 30	Andy Hurley	Musician (Fall Out Boy)
April 1	Bijou Phillips	Actress (*Raising Hope*) and singer
	Randy Orton	WWE wrestler
April 8	Katee Sackhoff	Actress (*Battlestar Galactica*, *Longmire*)
April 14	Claire Coffee	Actress (*General Hospital*, *Grimm*, *Chelsey and Kelsey*)
April 26	Jordana Brewster	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Dallas*)
	Channing Tatum	Actor
	Darris Love	Actor (*The Secret World of Alex Mack*)
May 2	Ellie Kemper	Actress (*The Office*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*) and singer
June 20	Tika Sumpter	Singer and actress
June 23	Melissa Rauch	Actress (*The Big Bang Theory*)
June 24	Minka Kelly	Actress (*Friday Night Lights*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Almost Human*)
June 25	Shannon Lucio	Actress (*The O.C.*, *Prison Break*)
July 3	Olivia Munn	TV host and actress (*Attack of the Show!*)

July 4	Carrie Keagan	TV host and actress
July 10	Jessica Simpson	Singer and actress
July 12	Kristen Connolly	Actress (*House of Cards*, *The Whispers*, *Zoo*)
July 18	Kristen Bell	Actress (*Veronica Mars*, *Gossip Girl*, *House of Lies*)
July 29	Rachel Miner	Actress (*Guiding Light*, *Californication*)
July 30	April Bowlby	Actress (*Two and a Half Men*, *Drop Dead Diva*)
August 6	Monique Ganderton	Canadian actress
August 8	Michael Urie	Actor (*Ugly Betty*)
August 12	Maggie Lawson	Actress (*It's All Relative*, *Crumbs*, *Psych*, *Back in the Game*)
	Dominique Swain	Actress
August 26	Macaulay Culkin	Actor
August 28	Carly Pope	Canadian actress (*Popular*)
September 9	Michelle Williams	Actress (*Dawson's Creek*) and singer
September 13	Ben Savage	Actor (*Boy Meets World*, *Girl Meets World*)

September 21	Autumn Reeser	Actress (*The O.C.*, *Valentine*, *No Ordinary Family*)
October 1	Sarah Drew	Actress (*Daria*, *Everwood*, *Grey's Anatomy*) and singer
October 13	Ashanti	Singer and actress
October 17	Angel Parker	Actress (*Lab Rats*)
	Justin Shenkarow	Voice actor (*Hey Arnold!*)
October 21	Kim Kardashian	Actress (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
October 29	Michele Boyd	Actress (*The Guild*, *Team Unicorn*)
October 30	Sarah Carter	Actress (*Shark*, *Falling Skies*)
October 31	Samaire Armstrong	Actress (*The O.C.*, *Resurrection*)
November 5	Luke Hemsworth	Australian actor (*Neighbours*)
November 12	Ryan Gosling	Actor (*Breaker High*, *Young Hercules*)
November 13	Monique Coleman	Actress (*High School Musical*)
November 25	Valerie Azlynn	Actress (*Sullivan & Son*)
December 3	Anna Chlumsky	Actress (*Veep*)
	Jenna Dewan Tatum	Dancer and actress (*American Horror Story*)

December 5	Tamara Feldman	Actress (*Gossip Girl*)
December 18	Christina Aguilera	Singer and child actress (*Mickey Mouse Club*)
December 19	Marla Sokoloff	Actress (*The Practice*, *Big Day The Fosters*)
December 30	Eliza Dushku	Actress (*Tru Calling*, *Dollhouse*, *Hulk and the Agents of S.M.A.S.H.*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 29	Jimmy Durante	86	Actor (*The Jimmy Durante Show*)
February 13	David Janssen	48	Actor (*The Fugitive*, *Harry O*, *O'Hara, U.S. Treasury*)
February 27	George Tobias	78	Actor (Abner Kravitz on *Bewitched*)
March 5	Jay Silverheels	67	Actor (Tonto on *The Lone Ranger*)
April 29	Alfred Hitchcock	80	Film director, host of (*Alfred Hitchcock Presents*)
August 14	Dorothy Stratten	20	Actress, (*Playboy*) model
September 12	Lillian Randolph	81	Actress (*Amos 'n' Andy*)
November 7	Steve McQueen	50	Actor (Josh Randall on *Wanted: Dead or Alive*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 8	John Lennon	40	Musician (The Beatles), co-hosted (*The Mike Douglas Show*) for a week

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List of American television shows currently in production

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
February 20	Comedian Andy Kaufman disrupts sketches and starts a brawl while broadcasting during ABC's sketch series *Fridays*, an occurrence that was later disclosed to have been entirely staged.[1]
February 21	During an improvised segment at the end of a *Saturday Night Live* telecast on NBC hosted by Charlene Tilton, Charles Rocket uses the word "fuck". As a result of the ensuing controversy he is fired, along with producer Jean Doumanian and most of his fellow cast members, bringing an early end to a season that had been heavily criticized and sunk in the ratings.[2]
March 6	After a 19-year run, Walter Cronkite resigns as main anchorman of *The CBS Evening News* and is succeeded the next Monday by Dan Rather.
March 30	An assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C., in which the President and several other people were wounded, interrupted programming on the three major networks and CNN at 2:42 PM. Millions of viewers worldwide witnessed footage of the shooting and the chaos that followed. ABC News was flooded with unconfirmed reports, which pestered the chief anchor Frank Reynolds, one of which falsely stated that the President's press secretary James Brady had died in the shooting. This was also reported by CBS News and ABC News. Coverage of the assassination attempt continued for hours on the big three networks, and for two days on CNN. As a result, the Academy Awards were postponed for a day.
April 1	Berlinda Tolbert and Michael Jonas Evans made their final appearance as Lionel and Jenny Willis Jefferson on the CBS sitcom *The Jeffersons*.
April 11	Van Halen's main guitarist Eddie Van Halen marries *One Day at a Time* actress Valerie Bertinelli.
April 12	The Alpha Repertory Television Service (also known as ARTS) launches right after the Nickelodeon time period.

April 21	"Weird Al" Yankovic makes his first television appearance on NBC's *The Tomorrow Show with Tom Snyder*.
May 1	The season four finale of *Dallas*, entitled "Ewing-Gate", airs on CBS.
June 30	Fred Silverman is dismissed as president of NBC, after failing to improve that network's third-place rating, and is replaced by Grant Tinker.
July 4	Showtime ends its part-time status and inaugurates a 24/7 schedule.
August 1	The MTV network debuts on cable television, playing music videos 24 hours a day. "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles was the first video broadcast on the network.
September 7	During the course of the year, all soap operas produced by Procter & Gamble change title sequences and theme songs. On this day, new title sequences debut for *Another World* on NBC, *Guiding Light* and *Search for Tomorrow*, both on CBS, and *The Edge of Night* on ABC.
September 28	WRGB in Schenectady, New York, NBC's first television affiliate, ends its 42-year relationship with the network (dating back to its days as experimental station W2XB) and swaps affiliations with CBS affiliate WAST, who changes its call letters to the current WNYT to mark the new affiliation.
October 12	CBS Cable is initiated.
November 1	The NBC soap opera *The Doctors* broadcasts its 5,000th episode.
November 2	The CBS soap opera *As the World Turns* debuts a new opening sequence and theme song for the first time in its 25-year history.
November 8	ESPN televises its first live flag-to-flag NASCAR race, the Atlanta Journal 500.

November 9	The cast and crew of *The Incredible Hulk* are delivered a surprise: despite maintaining good ratings, *The Incredible Hulk* is canceled immediately, despite executive producer Kenneth Johnson's attempts to convince CBS to buy six additional episodes to fill season five.
November 16–17	Luke and Laura's wedding on the ABC soap opera *General Hospital* becomes one of the most watched weddings in American television history, second only to the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer.
December 6	NBC affiliate KARD in West Monroe, Louisiana and ABC affiliate KTVE in El Dorado, Arkansas swap affiliations.[3]
December 10	KJAA in Lubbock, Texas signs on the air as an independent station. It adopts its current call letters KJTV in 1985 and becomes a charter Fox affiliate the next year.
December 18	KVEO-TV in Brownsville, Texas signs on the air, returning primary NBC service to the Rio Grande Valley market for the first time since KRGV-TV in Weslaco left the network in 1976 to become a full-time ABC affiliate.
December 24	HBO begins broadcasting 24 hours a day full-time.
December 25	Chuck Woolery hosts his last episode of the NBC game show *Wheel of Fortune*, quitting after a salary dispute with series producer and creator Merv Griffin. The next Monday, December 28, Pat Sajak begins hosting.

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- *Soap* (1977–1981)

- *Solid Gold* (1980–1988)
- *Soul Train* (1971–present)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *Taxi* (1978–1983)
- *Texas* (1980–1982)
- *That's Incredible!* (1980–1984)
- *The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast* (1974–1984)
- *The Doctors* (1963–1982)
- *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–1985)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *The Lawrence Welk Show* (1955–1982)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The Mike Douglas Show* (1961–1981)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tomorrow Show* (1973–1982)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–present; full title has generally included the host's name)
- *The Waltons* (1972–1981)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)

- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)
- *Too Close for Comfort* (1980–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)
- *WKRP in Cincinnati* (1978–1982)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 12	*Dynasty*	ABC
January 15	*Hill Street Blues*	NBC
January 16	*Harper Valley PTA*	
	Nero Wolfe	
January 31	*Walking Tall*	CBS
February 2	*The Gangster Chronicles*	NBC
February 6	*The Brady Brides*	
March 18	*The Greatest American Hero*	ABC
April 6	*Private Benjamin*	CBS
April 9	*Checking In*	

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October 24	*Fitz and Bones*	NBC
October 25	*Today's F.B.I.*	ABC
October 26	*Battlestars*	NBC
October 28	*Love, Sidney*	NBC
October 29	*Gimme a Break*	NBC
October 29	*Lewis & Clark*	NBC
November 1	*Code Red*	ABC
November 3	*Father Murphy*	NBC
November 4	*The Fall Guy*	ABC
November 11	*Shannon*	CBS
November 13	*Strike Force*	ABC
November 15	*This Week*	ABC
November 20	*McClain's Law*	NBC
November 24	*Simon & Simon*	CBS
November 27	*Darkroom*	ABC

November 28	*Open All Night*	
December 1	*Bret Maverick*	NBC
December 4	*Falcon Crest*	CBS
	You Can't Do That on Television	Nickelodeon

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 7	*The Tim Conway Show*	1980
April 16	*Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*	1979
April 20	*Soap*	1977
July 21	*Flo*	1980
August 19	*Charlie's Angels*	1976
August 20	*The Waltons*	1972
August 29	*Eight is Enough*	1977
October 23	*Card Sharks*	1978
November 30	*The Mike Douglas Show*	1961

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Walt Disney anthology series	NBC	CBS

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Date(s) of airing
Fallen Angel	CBS	February 24
Masada	ABC	April 5–8
Family Reunion	NBC	October 11 & 12
Skokie	CBS	November 17
Bill		December 22

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	Brooklyn Sudano	Actress (*My Wife and Kids*)
January 19	Bitsie Tulloch	Actress (*lonelygirl15*, *Grimm*)
January 22	Beverley Mitchell	Actress (*7th Heaven*)

January 24	Carrie Coon	Actress (*The Leftovers*)
January 28	Elijah Wood	Actor (*Tron: Uprising*)
January 31	Justin Timberlake	Singer and actor (*The Mickey Mouse Club*)
February 2	Emily Rose	Actress (*Haven*)
February 5	Sara Foster	Actress (*90210*)
February 6	Alison Haislip	Actress and TV personality (*Attack of the Show!*, *The Morning After*, *Battleground*)
February 17	Joseph Gordon-Levitt	Actor (Tommy Solomon on *3rd Rock from the Sun*)
	Paris Hilton	Heiress and TV personality (*The Simple Life*)
March 2	Bryce Dallas Howard	Actress (*HitRecord on TV*) and daughter of Ron Howard
March 6	Ellen Muth	Actress (*Dead Like Me*)
March 22	Tiffany Dupont	Actress (*Greek*)
March 27	Ashley Bank	Actress
March 28	Julia Stiles	Actress (*Dexter*)
April 2	Bethany Joy Lenz	Actress (*Guiding Light*, *One Tree Hill*) and singer

April 6	Eliza Coupe	Actress (*Scrubs*, *Happy Endings*, *Benched*)
April 8	Taylor Kitsch	Actor (*Friday Night Lights*)
April 13	Courtney Peldon	Actress (*Harry and the Hendersons*, *Boston Public*)
April 28	Jessica Alba	Actress (*Dark Angel*)
May 5	Danielle Fishel	Actress (*Boy Meets World*, *Girl Meets World*)
May 15	Jamie-Lynn Sigler	Actress (*The Sopranos*)
May 29	Chris Violette	Canadian actress (*Power Rangers S.P.D.*)
	Justin Chon	Actor (*Just Jordan*)
June 1	Amy Schumer	Actress and comedian (*Inside Amy Schumer*)
June 6	Johnny Pacar	Actor (*Flight 29 Down*)
June 7	Larisa Oleynik	Actress (*The Secret World of Alex Mack*, *Winx Club*)
June 9	Natalie Portman	Actress (*Saturday Night Live* host in 2006)
June 24	Vanessa Ray	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Blue Bloods*)
July 21	Chrishell Stause	Actress (*All My Children*, *Days of Our Lives*, *Youthful Daze*)
July 24	Summer Glau	Actress (*Firefly*, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*, *Sequestered*)

July 29	Dyana Liu	Actress (*Tower Prep*)
August 4	Amanda Congdon	Actress and video blogger (*Rocketboom*)
	Abigail Spencer	Actress (*All My Children*, *Burning Love*, *Rectify*)
August 21	Erin Kelly	Actress (*Beyond the Break*)
August 24	Chad Michael Murray	Actor (*One Tree Hill*)
August 25	Rachel Bilson	Actress (*The O.C.*, *Hart of Dixie*)
August 29	Jay Ran	Australian actor (*Beauty & the Beast*)
September 4	Beyoncé	Singer and actress
September 8	Jonathan Taylor Thomas	Actor (*Home Improvement*)
September 9	Julie Gonzalo	Argentine-American actress (*Veronica Mars*, *Eli Stone*, *Dallas*)
September 15	Ben Schwartz	Actor (*Parks and Recreation*, *House of Lies*, *Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja*)
September 16	Alexis Bledel	Actress (*Gilmore Girls*)
September 18	Jennifer Tisdale	Actress
September	Christina Milian	Actress (*Grandfathered*)

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October 9	Zachery Ty Bryan	Actor (*Home Improvement*)
October 16	Brea Grant	Actress (*Heroes*)
	Caterina Scorsone	Actress (*Missing*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Private Practice*)
October 22	Michael Fishman	Actor (*Roseanne*)
October 30	Shaun Sipos	Actor (*Complete Savages*)
November 8	Azura Skye	Actress (*Zoe, Duncan, Jack and Jane*)
November 9	Scottie Thompson	Actress (*NCIS*, *Trauma*)
November 18	Allison Tolman	Actress (*Fargo*)
	Christina Vidal	Actress (*Taina*)
December 2	Britney Spears	Singer (*The Mickey Mouse Club*)
December 3	Brian Bonsall	Actor (*Family Ties*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*)
December 15	Michelle Dockery	English actress (*Downton Abbey*)
December 16	Krysten Ritter	Actress (*Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*)
December	Emilie de Ravin	Actress (*Roswell*, *Lost*, *Once Upon a Time*)

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Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 26	Jim Davis	71	Actor (Jock Ewing on *Dallas*)
June 9	Allen Ludden	63	Game show host (*Password*)
August 1	Paddy Chayefsky	58	Writer (*Marty*)
September 27	Robert Montgomery	77	Actor, host (*Robert Montgomery Presents*)
November 25	Jack Albertson	74	Actor (*Chico and the Man*)

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1982 in American television

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	Cable News Network (CNN) initiates an associated channel, dubbed CNN2, that features a round-the-clock "news wheel" format. The channel would be renamed CNN Headline News a year later and is now known as HLN.
	The National Association of Broadcasters ends its long-standing Television Code in response to a Washington, D.C. circuit court ruling which declared parts of it unconstitutional.
January 2	*American Playhouse* on PBS member station WNET/Newark, New Jersey presents John Cheever's teleplay *The Shady Hill Kidnapping*, featuring George Grizzard, Polly Holliday, Judith Ivey, E. Katherine Kerr and Celeste Holm as The Celebrity.
January 4	Bryant Gumbel begins his 15-year stint as co-anchor of NBC's *Today Show*.
	ABC broadcasts a TV adaptation of *The Elephant Man*, with Philip Anglim and Kevin Conway reprising the roles they originated for the Broadway version of the story.
	In Panama City, Florida, NBC affiliate WMBB swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WJHG-TV.
January 23	*CBS Reports* broadcasts *The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception*, a documentary alleging a manipulation of intelligence estimates before the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. Retired Gen. William Westmoreland, the commander of U.S. military operations at the time of the alleged estimates, would file a libel suit against CBS believing the report described him unfairly.
February 1	*Late Night with David Letterman* debuts on NBC; Letterman's first guests are Bill Murray (who dances around to the songs "Physical") and "Mr. Wizard" Don Herbert.
	Two months after new owners Pacific Media Corporation changed its call letters from KECC-TV, CBS affiliate KECY-TV in Yuma, Arizona leaves the network to join ABC.

	This will leave Yuma without a CBS affiliate for 3 years, until KECY-TV rejoins the network in 1988 (it is now a Fox affiliate).[1][2][3]
February 3	Singer Jermaine Jackson guest-features as Tootie, gets to meet the person she admires on a very special episode of the NBC sitcom *The Facts of Life*.
March 4	The crime drama spoof *Police Squad!* premieres on ABC; though it only lasts 6 episodes (the last being broadcast July 8); the comedy would serve as the origin of the Frank Drebin character and the inspiration for the *Naked Gun* movie series.
March 8	*Night of 100 Stars*, a benefit for the Actors' Fund taped at Radio City Music Hall, is broadcast by ABC.
March 26	The soap opera series *Search for Tomorrow* is broadcast for the final time by CBS; NBC immediately purchases it and begins broadcasting it March 29.
April 2	John Chancellor anchors the *NBC Nightly News* for the final time, replaced on April 5 by the team of Roger Mudd and Tom Brokaw, a partnership that lasts 17 months.
April 21	Norman Lear purchases Avco Embassy Pictures and rechristens his TAT Communications Company as Embassy Television.
	WGXA in Macon, Georgia signs-on the air, giving the Macon market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
May 2	The Weather Channel is begun in the U.S.
May 28	At about 5:00 pm, Joseph Billie Gwin, wanting to "prevent World War III", forces his way into the studios of Phoenix CBS affiliate KOOL-TV, fires a gunshot, takes 4 people hostage (holding one of them, cameraman Louis Villa, at close gunpoint), and demands national broadcasting time. Three hours later, Gwin releases 2 hostages, Jack Webb and Bob Cimino. At 9:30 pm, with Gwin sitting next to him with a gun, KOOL anchor Bill Close reads a 20-minute statement; when finished, Close takes Gwin's gun and sets it on the table.[4][5][6]

July 29	Professional wrestler Jerry Lawler slaps actor Andy Kaufman in the face on the program *Late Night with David Letterman*; Kaufman responds by throwing coffee and shouting profanities at Lawler. The incident was later revealed to have been staged.
September 6	After Tom Wopat and John Schneider quit the CBS action series *The Dukes of Hazzard* as a result of a contract dispute, their characters, Bo and Luke Duke, are written out of the series as joining a NASCAR team and are replaced by cousins Coy and Vance (played respectively by Byron Cherry and Christopher Mayer). Bo and Luke—and Wopat and Schneider—would return to the series by season's end.
September 11	NBC resurrects *Texaco Star Theater* as a one-time special; however, instead of inviting Milton Berle, the man who hosted the original series during the 1950s, the special presents a salute to musicals.
September 13	Mary Hart joins *Entertainment Tonight* as reporter and later co-host; the latter role she had until 2011.
September 25	Future *Seinfeld* actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus begins a 3-year stint (1982–1985) as a featured player/regular cast member of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*.
October 1	KDOC-TV commences broadcasting in Los Angeles.
October 2	Mary Jo Catlett replaces Nedra Volz on the NBC sitcom *Diff'rent Strokes*, as the new housekeeper, Mrs. Pearl Gallagher, from 1982 until the series ending during 1986.
October 4	KMTR signs-on in Eugene, Oregon as a NBC affiliate. Due to NBC's persistent low ratings, the network's former affiliate KVAL-TV had been preempting NBC programming (with increasing regularity) in favor of programs from CBS (shared with ABC affiliate KEZI), forcing a frustrated NBC to seek a new station. With the move, KVAL-TV becomes a full-time CBS affiliate.
October 22	Susan Stafford departs as co-host of the NBC game show *Wheel of Fortune* to do humanitarian work. Auditions occur for who will replace her, with Vanna White formally replacing Stafford on December 13; White continues on *Wheel* to this day.

December 11	ESPN broadcasts its first live college football game, simulcasting the Independence Bowl match-up between Kansas State University and the University of Wisconsin.
December 29	Nastassja Kinski makes a puzzling appearance on the program *Late Night with David Letterman*, seeming somewhat oblivious to the jokes and everything else that was going on around her and appearing with an unusual hair style Letterman describes as "looking like there was an owl perched on top of her head." (Letterman's second guest, John Candy, comes out with his own hair moussed up in a pile as a spoof of Kinski's hair.)
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- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–)
- *The Today Show* (1952–)
- *The Tonight Show* (1954–; 1962–1992 as *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)
- *Too Close for Comfort* (1980–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Walt Disney* (1981–1983)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 7	*Fame*	NBC
January 12	*American Playhouse*	PBS
January 16	*King's Crossing*	ABC

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September 8	*Speed Buggy*	
September 12	*Blackstar*	
September 17	*The Powers of Matthew Star*	NBC
September 18	*The Gary Coleman Show*	
	Gilligan's Planet	CBS
	Meatballs & Spaghetti	
	Pandamonium	
September 19	*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*	
September 20	*Child's Play*	
September 22	*Family Ties*	NBC
	Tales of the Gold Monkey	ABC
September 24	*Bring 'Em Back Alive*	CBS
September 25	*The Little Rascals*	ABC
	Mork & Mindy/Laverne & Shirley/Fonz Hour	

	Pac-Man	
	The Scooby & Scrappy-Doo/Puppy Hour	
	Silver Spoons	NBC
September 26	*Knight Rider*	NBC
September 26	*At the Movies with Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert*	Syndication
September 26	*Matt Houston*	ABC
September 26	*Gloria*	CBS
September 27	*Square Pegs*	CBS
September 30	*Cheers*	NBC
October 1	*Remington Steele*	NBC
October 2	*The Devlin Connection*	NBC
October 3	*Voyagers!*	NBC
October 4	*CBS Morning News*	CBS

October 6	*Tucker's Witch*	
October 10	*Nature*	PBS
October 14	*It Takes Two*	ABC
October 19	*St. Elsewhere*	NBC
October 22	*The Quest*	ABC
October 25	*Newhart*	CBS
October 26	*Gavilan*	NBC
October 29	*The New Odd Couple*	ABC
December 12	*Powerhouse*	PBS
December 27	*Starcade*	TBS

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Return date
Tattletales	1978	CBS	January 18

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debu

		t
January 29	*Late Night with Tom Snyder*	1973
February 24	*The Lawrence Welk Show*	1955
March 1	*In Search of...*	1976
March 6	*Spider-Man*	1981
March 22	*Mr. Merlin*	
March 26	*Password Plus* (returned in 1984)	1979
April 21	*WKRP in Cincinnati*	1978
April 23	*Blockbusters*	1980
	Fridays	
May 12	*The Incredible Hulk*	1977
May 20	*Barney Miller*	1975
May 27	*Mork & Mindy*	1978
	Bosom Buddies'	1980
September 4	*The Tom and Jerry Comedy Show*	

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Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere date
The Elephant Man	ABC	January 4
A Woman Called Golda	CBS	April 26
Inside the Third Reich	ABC	May 9
Little Gloria... Happy at Last	NBC	October 24

Title	Network	Premiere date
The Blue and the Gray (miniseries)	CBS	November 14
The Executioner's Song	NBC	November 28, 29

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	Allen Evangelista	Actor (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*)
January 7	Lauren Cohan	Actress (*Supernatural*, *The Walking Dead*)
January 19	Jodie Sweetin	Actress (*Full House*, *Fuller House*)
January 29	Heidi Mueller	Actress (*Passions*)
February 3	Bridget Regan	Actress (*Legend of the Seeker*, *Jane the Virgin*, *Agent Carter*)
February 8	Danny Tamberelli	Actor (*The Adventures of Pete & Pete*)
March 3	Jessica Biel	Actress (*7th Heaven*)
March 10	Thomas Middleditch	Canadian actor (*Silicon Valley*, *Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero*)
March 11	Robbie Daymond	Voice actor (SwaySway on *Breadwinners*)
	Thora Birch	Actress (*The Outer Limits*)

March 24	James Napier Robertson	New Zealand actor (*Power Rangers Dino Thunder*)
March 25	Sean Faris	Actor (*Life as We Know It*, *Pretty Little Liars*)
March 30	Jason Dohring	Actor (*Veronica Mars*)
April 1	Taran Killam	American actor
April 3	Cobie Smulders	Actress (*How I Met Your Mother*)
April 10	Chyler Leigh	Actress (*Grey's Anatomy*, "Supergirl")
April 15	Seth Rogen	Canadian actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
April 24	Kelly Clarkson	Singer and actress (*American Idol*)
April 28	Harry Shum, Jr.	Actor (*Glee*)
April 30	Drew Seeley	Canadian-American actor (*Glory Daze*)
	Kirsten Dunst	Actress (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*)
May 9	Rachel Boston	Actress (*American Dreams*, *Witches of East End*)
May 11	Cory Monteith	Actor (*Glee*) (d. 2013)
May 15	Alexandra Breckenridge	Actress (*Family Guy*)

June 29	Lily Rabe	Actress (*American Horror Story*)
June 30	Lizzy Caplan	Actress (*Related*, *The Class*, *Party Down*, *Masters of Sex*)
July 1	Hilarie Burton	Actress (*One Tree Hill*)
July 8	Pendleton Ward	Actor (*Adventure Time*)
	Sophia Bush	Actress (*One Tree Hill*, *Chicago PD*)
July 18	Ryan Cabrera	American musician
July 19	Jared Padalecki	Actor (*Gilmore Girls*, *Supernatural*)
July 23	Paul Wesley	Actor (*American Dreams*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
July 24	Anna Paquin	Actress (*True Blood*)
July 25	Brad Renfro	Actor (d. 2008)
July 30	Yvonne Strahovski	Actress (*Headland*, *Chuck*)
August 7	Abbie Cornish	Actress (*Outriders*)
August 10	Katrina Begin	Actress
August 15	Mark Salling	Actor (*Glee*)
August 19	Erika Christensen	Actress (*Six Degrees*, *Parenthood*)

August 25	Benjamin Diskin	Voice actor (Numbuh 1 on *Codename: Kids Next Door*)
September 13	J.G. Quintel	Voice actor (Mordecai on *Regular Show*)
September 27	Anna Camp	Actress (*The Mindy Project*)
September 28	Matt Cohen	Actor (*South of Nowhere*)
September 30	Lacey Chabert	Actress (*Party of Five*, *The Wild Thornberrys*)
October 3	Erik von Detten	Actor (*So Weird*, *Complete Savages*)
October 15	Brandon Jay McLaren	Canadian actor (*Power Rangers S.P.D.*)
	Toran Caudell	Voice actor ("Arnold" from *Hey Arnold!* in 1996–97)
October 19	Gillian Jacobs	Actress (*Community*)
November 12	Anne Hathaway	Actress (*Get Real*)
November 30	Elisha Cuthbert	Actress (*Are You Afraid of the Dark?*, *24*, *Happy Endings*)
December 15	George O. Gore II	Actor (*New York Undercover*, *My Wife and Kids*)
December 29	Alison Brie	Actress (*Community*)
December 30	Kristin Kreuk	Actress (*Beauty & the Beast*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 1	Victor Buono	43	Actor (King Tut on *Batman*)
January 5	Hans Conried	64	Actor (*Make Room for Daddy*, *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*, Dr. Seuss special)
January 10	Paul Lynde	55	Actor (*Bewitched*), comedian (*Hollywood Squares*)
January 18	Trent Lehman	20	Child actor (*Nanny and the Professor*)
March 5	John Belushi	33	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
May 14	Hugh Beaumont	73	Actor (Ward Cleaver on *Leave It to Beaver*)
July 21	Dave Garroway	69	Journalist and host (*The Today Show*)
August 13	Joe E. Ross	68	Actor (Gunther Toody on *Car 54, Where Are You?*)
November 4	Dominique Dunne	22	Actress
December 7	Will Lee	74	Actor (Mr. Hooper on *Sesame Street*)
December 22	Jack Webb	62	Actor, producer (Sgt. Joe Friday on *Dragnet*)

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1983 in American television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1983-84 United States network television schedule.

The year **1983 in television** involved some significant events.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	After episode 410 of *Soul Train* was broadcast this day, the series goes on hiatus for Don Cornelius's brain surgery. Original episodes return on April 30 after Cornelius returns from his convalescence.
January 3	Plinko is added as a pricing game on the CBS game show *The Price Is Right*; it will go on to become one of the most popular of the show's games. Also on this date, three new game shows debut on rival NBC: *$ale of the Century*, *Just Men!*, and *Hit Man*. The two latter shows will leave the air after 13 weeks, whereas *$ale* (a revival of the hit NBC game show of the late 1960's-early 1970's) will go on to have a six-year run.
February 23	PBS broadcasts *The Operation*, a live telecast of an actual open-heart surgery.
February 28	More than 125 million Americans watch the 251st and final episode of *M*A*S*H* on CBS, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen".
March 6	Country Music Television (CMT) begins in the United States.

March 7	The Nashville Network (TNN) (known later as The National Network; now known as Spike TV) begins broadcasting.
March 10	MTV broadcasts the video of Michael Jackson's song "Billie Jean" for the first time. The video is the first by a black artist to gain great airplay on MTV, and is credited with helping the album *Thriller*, in which the song is included, become the best-selling album of all time.
March 19	US First Lady Nancy Reagan makes a special appearance on an episode of the NBC comedy *Diff'rent Strokes*, beginning her Just Say No anti-drug campaign.
March 20	NBC broadcasts the TV movie *Special Bulletin*, a fictional—yet realistic—depiction of a TV network's coverage of a nuclear terrorism threat in Charleston, South Carolina. The movie is an early collaboration between Edward Zwick (who directed) and Marshall Herskovitz (who wrote the teleplay); both men would create and produce *thirtysomething* later in the 1980s.
April 4	*Archie Bunker's Place* broadcasts its last original episode as CBS cancels the series after four seasons (and without a proper series finale), ending Carroll O'Connor's run as Archie Bunker, which began during 1971 with *All in the Family*.
April 12	David Canary makes his first appearance on the ABC soap opera *All My Children*.
April 18	The Disney Channel is initiated on American cable TV.
April 21	WTWC-TV in Tallahassee, Florida signs on, giving the Tallahassee market its first full-time NBC affiliate.
May 6	A fire at Southfork threatens the lives of the Ewings on the season finale of the CBS drama series *Dallas*.
May 16	The concert special *Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever* is broadcast by NBC; Michael Jackson, after a performance with The Jackson Five, provides the

	centerpiece highlight by performing, to "Billie Jean," his "moonwalk" dance for the first time on TV.
May 29	WVSB-TV in West Point, Mississippi signs on, giving the Tupelo market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
June 16	Pope John Paul II arrives in his native Poland, with ABC and NBC broadcasting his arrival live (CBS, hampered by budget reductions of its news division, broadcasts *The Price is Right* instead).
June 20	KLDH (now KTKA-TV) in Topeka, Kansas signs on, giving the Topeka market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
August 4	The cast of NBC's series *Search for Tomorrow* is forced to do a live show for the first time since the program began using videotape format during 1967 due to the loss of both the regular transmission tape and a backup.[citation needed]
August 22	In Fargo, North Dakota, ABC affiliate KTHI-TV (now KVLY-TV) swaps affiliations with long-time NBC affiliate WDAY-TV and its semi-satellite in Grand Forks, WDAZ-TV.
August 30	Though the station is still regarded as profitable, Field Enterprises closes down WKBS-TV/Burlington, New Jersey-Philadelphia after failing to find a buyer.
September 5	PBS's series *The MacNeil/Lehrer Report* becomes *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, the first American network news program to expand from a half-hour to one hour in length.
	Tom Brokaw becomes the sole main anchor of the *NBC Nightly News*, ending a 17-month stint co-anchoring the broadcast with Roger Mudd.
	Peter Jennings becomes sole anchorman of ABC's newscast *World News Tonight*, after the death of Frank Reynolds two months earlier.
	Pam Long becomes co-main writer of the CBS soap opera *Guiding Light*.

September 8	The comedy series *We Got it Made* debuts, the first new series on NBC's autumn list to premiere—and the start of one of the least successful new autumn show rosters for a network in history, as none of the series would survive a 2nd season (the other series being *Manimal*, *Jennifer Slept Here*, *Mr. Smith*, *Bay City Blues*, *The Yellow Rose*, *Boone*, *For Love and Honor*, and *The Rousters*).
September 12	The animated *G.I. Joe* mini-series based on the toys of the same name debuts in syndication. Another mini-series airs the following year, with an ongoing show premiering in 1985.
September 19	The nighttime syndicated edition of the NBC daytime game show *Wheel of Fortune* premieres. The show is only picked up by 59 markets and is shut out of the top 3 markets. However, by late 1984, the show will overtake *Family Feud* as the number one show in syndication. The show enters its 30th season in 2013 and continues being the number one show in syndication.
	Press Your Luck premieres on CBS; the game show would end its run on September 26, 1986.
September 27–29	NBC broadcasts *Live... and in Person*, a live variety special program broadcast during 3 nights. Sandy Gallin is host, and performers include Neil Diamond, Liberace, Linda Ronstadt, and the cast of *A Chorus Line*.
October 3	During a live NBC news update, anchor Jessica Savitch appears incoherent, slurring her speech, deviating from her copy and ad-libbing her report. Savitch, dogged by rumors of drug abuse and instability, still has her contract renewed, but drowns in a car accident three weeks later.[citation needed]
October 6	The rock band R.E.M. made its television debut on NBC's *Late Night with David Letterman*.
October 10	*Adam*, a TV-movie about the mysterious disappearance of Adam Walsh, makes its world premiere on NBC. The broadcast ends with a series of missing children's photographs and descriptions, along with a telephone number viewers could call to provide information on their disappearances.
November	An estimated 100 million people watched the controversial made-for-TV movie *The*

20	*Day After* on ABC, depicting the start of a nuclear war.
November 24	*Sesame Street* on PBS dealt with the sensitive issue of death when Big Bird learns the concept as it relates to his late friend, Mr. Hooper (Will Lee, the actor who played Mr. Hooper, died of a heart attack in November 1982).
December 2	The epic (nearly 14 minutes) music video for Michael Jackson's "Thriller" is broadcast for the first time. It will become the most often repeated and famous music video of all time and increase Jackson's own popularity and the sales of the record album *Thriller*.
December 21	Gerald Ford, Betty Ford, and Henry Kissinger make cameo appearances on ABC's *Dynasty*.[1]

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978–present)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *Alice* (1976–1985)
- *All My Children* (1970–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Battle of the Planets* (1978–1985)
- *Benson* (1979–1986)
- *Cagney & Lacey* (1982–1988)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)
- *Capitol* (1982–1987)
- *Captain Kangaroo* (1955–1984)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)

- *CHiPs* (1977–1983)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)
- *Dynasty* (1981–1989)
- *Entertainment Tonight* (1981–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Falcon Crest* (1981–1990)
- *Fame* (1982–1987)
- *Family Feud* (1976–1985, 1988–1995, 1999–present)
- *Family Ties* (1982–1989)
- *Fantasy Island* (1977–1984)
- *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (1972–1984)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Gimme a Break!* (1981–1987)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *High Performance* (1983)
- *Hill Street Blues* (1981–1987)
- *Knight Rider* (1982–1986)

- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Laverne & Shirley* (1976–1983)
- *Little House on the Prairie* (1974–1983)
- *Magnum, P.I.* (1980–1988)
- *M*A*S*H* (1972–1983)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Match Game–Hollywood Squares Hour* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Newhart* (1982–1990)
- *Nightline* (1979–present)
- *One Day at a Time* (1975–1984)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–present)
- *Quincy, M.E.* (1976–1983)
- *Real People* (1979–1984)
- *Remington Steele* (1982–1987)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Silver Spoons* (1982–1987)
- *Simon & Simon* (1981–1988)

- *Solid Gold* (1980–1988)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *St. Elsewhere* (1982–1988)
- *Tattletales* (1974–1978, 1982–1984)
- *Taxi* (1978–1983)
- *That's Incredible!* (1980–1984)
- *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–1985)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Fall Guy* (1981–1986)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992 [overall series 1954–present])
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)
- *Too Close for Comfort* (1980–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–1991) which adds a nighttime syndicated version in addition to the network daytime show

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 3	*Hit Man*	NBC
	Just Men!	
January 10	*Fraggle Rock*	HBO
January 22	*Mama's Family*	NBC
January 23	*The A-Team*	
February 5	*The Dukes*	CBS
February 10	*Amanda's*	ABC
February 26	*Wizards and Warriors*	CBS
March 2	*High Performance*	ABC
March 4	*At Ease*	
March 7	*Small & Frye*	CBS
March 15	*Ace Crawford, Private Eye*	
April 1	*Baby Makes Five*	ABC
April 2	*Goodnight, Beantown*	CBS

April 6	*Zorro and Son*	ABC
April 10	Casablanca	NBC
April 15	*Bare Essence*	ABC
April 18	*Good Morning, Mickey!*	Syndication
May 31	*Star Search*	
	Buffalo Bill	NBC
June 6	*Reading Rainbow*	PBS
June 27	*Loving*	ABC
July 29	*Friday Night Videos*	NBC
September 5	*He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*	Syndication
September 8	*We Got It Made*	NBC
September 9	*Lottery!*	ABC
September 10	*The Littles*	
	Rubik, the Amazing Cube	

	The New Scooby and Scrappy-Doo Show	
September 12	*Inspector Gadget*	Syndication
September 16	*Webster*	ABC
September 17	*Alvin and the Chipmunks*	NBC
	Mister T	
	Benji, Zax & the Alien Prince	CBS
	The Biskitts	
	The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show	
	Dungeons & Dragons	
	Saturday Supercade	
September 18	*Hardcastle and McCormick*	ABC
September 19	*Love Connection*	Syndication
	Welcome to Pooh Corner	
	Wheel of Fortune	
September 20	*Just Our Luck*	ABC

September 21	*Hotel*	
September 23	*Mr. Smith*	NBC
September 26	*Boone*	NBC
September 26	*AfterMASH*	CBS
September 27	*Oh Madeline*	ABC
September 30	*Manimal*	NBC
October 1	*The Rousters*	NBC
October 1	*Cutter to Houston*	CBS
October 2	*The Yellow Rose*	NBC
October 3	*Scarecrow and Mrs. King*	CBS
October 5	*Whiz Kids*	CBS
October 17	*The Sally Jessy Raphael Show*	KSDK-TV
October 21	*Jennifer Slept Here*	NBC
October 25	*Bay City Blues*	NBC
October 31	*Match Game-Hollywood Squares Hour*	NBC

December 3	*Riptide*	
December 15	*Automan*	ABC
	Masquerade	

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Network	Retitled as/Same	New network/Same	Return date
Sale of the Century	1973	NBC	Same	Same	January 3
Dream House	1970				April 4
Battlestars	1981		*The New Battlestars*		
Second Chance	1977	ABC	*Press Your Luck*	CBS	September 19

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
February 3	*The Greatest American Hero*	1981
February 28	*M*A*S*H*	1972
March 21	*Little House on the Prairie*	1974

April 12	*Ace Crawford, Private Eye*	1983
May 10	*Laverne & Shirley*	1976
May 14	*Wizards and Warriors*	1983
May 24	*Joanie Loves Chachi*	1982
May 31	*Bring 'Em Back Alive*	
June 1	*Tales of the Gold Monkey*	
June 15	*Small & Frye*	1983
June 24	*Second City Television/SCTV Network 90*	1981
July 7	*The Crystal Cube*	1983
July 17	*CHiPs*	1977
July 20	*Taxi*	1978
September 5	*The All-New Popeye Hour*	
	Quincy, M.E.	1976
September 10	*Spider-Man and His Amazing Friends*	1981
September 12	*Square Pegs*	1982

September 21	*Archie Bunker's Place*	1979
September 24	Walt Disney anthology series (returned in 1986)	1954
November 5	*Pac-Man*	1982

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Fame	NBC	Syndication
Too Close for Comfort	ABC	

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere date
Kennedy	NBC	November 20 (5 episodes)
Malibu	ABC	January 23
The Thorn Birds	ABC	March 27 (4 episodes)
The Winds of War	ABC	February 6 (7 episodes)
V	NBC	May 1 (2 episodes)

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 2	Kate Bosworth	Actress (*Young Americans*)
January 7	Robert Ri'chard	Actor (*Cousin Skeeter*)
February 1	Jillian Bynes	Actress
February 27	Kate Mara	Actress (*American Horror Story*)
March 8	Jessica Collins	Actress (*The Nine*)
March 10	Carrie Underwood	Singer (*American Idol*)
March 15	Sean Biggerstaff	Scottish actor (*Harry Potter*)
March 20	Michael Cassidy	Actor (*The O.C.*, *Privileged*, *Men at Work*)
March 31	Melissa Ordway	Actress (*Hollywood Heights*, *The Young and the Restless*)
April 1	Ellen Hollman	Actress (*Spartacus: War of the Damned*)
April 4	Amanda Righetti	Actress (*The O.C.*, *North Shore*, *The Mentalist*)
April 26	Ryan Sommers Baum	Actress (*The Famous Jett Jackson*)
April 27	Francis Capra	Actor (*Veronica Mars*)

April 29	Megan Boone	Actress (*The Blacklist*)
May 6	Adrianne Palicki	Actress (*Friday Night Lights*, *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*)
	Gabourey Sidibe	Actress (*The Big C*, *Empire*)
May 11	Holly Valance	New Zealand-born actress (*Prison Break*)
May 14	Amber Tamblyn	Actress (*Joan of Arcadia*, *Two and a Half Men*)
May 20	Michaela McManus	Actress (*One Tree Hill*, *Awake*, *Aquarius*)
May 28	Megalyn Echikunwoke	Actress (*Like Family*, *The 4400*, *CSI: Miami*)
June 10	Leelee Sobieski	Actress (*Charlie Grace*, *NYC 22*)
July 1	Lynsey Bartilson	Actress (*Grounded for Life*)
	Tanya Chisholm	Actress (*Big Time Rush*)
July 6	Gregory Smith	Actor (*Everwood*)
July 23	Andrew Eiden	Actor (*Complete Savages*)
July 27	Blair Redford	Actor (*The Lying Game*, *Satisfaction*)
July 29	Tania Gunadi	Actress (*Aaron Stone*, *Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero*)
July 30	Nathan Carter	Canadian actor

August 3	Mamie Gummer	Actress (*Emily Owens, M.D.*)
August 4	Adhir Kalyan	Actor (*Aliens in America*, *Rules of Engagement*, *Second Chance*)
August 5	Kara Tointon	English actress (*EastEnders*)
August 9	Ashley Johnson	Actress (*Growing Pains*, *Jumanji*, *Recess*, *Ben 10*, *Blindspot*)
August 11	Chris Hemsworth	Australian actor (*Home and Away*)
August 14	Mila Kunis	Actress (*That '70s Show*, *Family Guy*)
August 20	Andrew Garfield	American actor
August 21	Brody Jenner	Actor (*The Hills*, *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
August 22	Laura Breckenridge	Actress (*Related*)
September 2	Tiffany Hines	Actress (*Beyond the Break*, *Nikita*)
September 14	Amy Winehouse	English singer (d. 2011)
September 21	Maggie Grace	Actress (*Lost*)
October 5	Jesse Eisenberg	Actor (*Get Real*)
October 9	Spencer Grammer	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Greek*, *Rick and Morty*)

October 20	Alona Tal	Israeli-American actress (*The Pyjamas*, *Cane*, *Cult*, *Hand of God*)
October 24	Adrienne Bailon	Actress (*That's So Raven*, *The Cheetah Girls*, *The Real*)
October 29	Dillon Casey	Actor (*Nikita*)
	Richard Brancatisano	Australian actor (*Power Rangers Mystic Force*, *Chasing Life*)
November 7	Adam DeVine	Voice actor (*Uncle Grandpa*, *Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero*)
December 12	Mathew Valencia	Voice of Robin in *The New Batman Adventures*

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
March 16	Arthur Godfrey	79	Host (*Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts*)
July 20	Frank Reynolds	53	ABC news journalist
July 29	Raymond Massey	86	Actor (Dr. Gillespie on *Dr. Kildare*)
August 3	Carolyn Jones	53	Actress (Morticia on *The Addams Family*)
August 28	Jan Clayton	66	Actress (Ellen Miller on *Lassie*)
August 29	Simon Oakland	68	Actor (*Baa Baa Black Sheep*)
October 23	Jessica Savitch	36	NBC news anchor

Date	Name	Age	Notability
November 14	Junior Samples	57	Comedian (*Hee Haw*)
November 22	Michael Conrad	58	Actor (Sgt. Phil Esterhasz on *Hill Street Blues*)
November 28	Christopher George	52	Actor (Sgt. Sam Troy on *The Rat Patrol*)
December 28	William Demarest	91	Actor (Uncle Charley on *My Three Sons*)

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This article is a list of **television-related events during 1984**.

Further information: 1984-85 United States network television schedule

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 9	Wendy's "Fluffy Bun" advertisement is first broadcast, which gains Clara Peller and her "Where's the beef?" catchphrase national fame.
	Something About Amelia, a story concerning incest, is broadcast by ABC. Glenn Close, Ted Danson, and Roxana Zal are the main actors.
January 22	During CBS's broadcast of Super Bowl XVIII, Apple Computer Company heralds the introduction of its Apple Macintosh personal computer with the famous advertisement

	"1984", the only time it is broadcast on national television.
January 23	Professional wrestler Hulk Hogan defeats The Iron Sheik to win his first World Wrestling Federation championship at Madison Square Garden; the match is televised by the MSG Network.
January 27	Michael Jackson's hair catches fire during the filming of a Pepsi commercial.
February 1	Arts & Entertainment Network launches from the merger of ARTS and RCA's The Entertainment Channel. It originally broadcasts after kids' channel Nickelodeon signs off.
	Lifetime is launched from the merger of Hearst/ABC's Daytime and Viacom's Cable Health Network.
	In Bakersfield, California, CBS affiliate KPWR-TV changes its call letters to the current KGET-TV, in preparation for an affiliation swap with NBC affiliate KERO-TV the following month.
February 26	KDRV in Medford, Oregon signs on as an ABC affiliate, giving the Medford market full-time access to all three networks for the first time.
February 28	At the 26th Grammy Awards telecast by CBS, Michael Jackson wins a record-breaking eight Grammy Awards.
May 18	Character Bobby Ewing finds himself in the crossfire as a rival tries to gun down his brother J.R. on the season finale of the CBS series *Dallas*.
May 19	CBS tapes the Michael Larson episodes of *Press Your Luck* in which Larson wins $110,237 cash and prizes. (The episodes, which are split into two parts, would air on June 8 and 11.)
July 14	In what became known as Black Saturday, Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation takes over Superstation WTBS' Saturday evening time period once

	occupied by Georgia Championship Wrestling.
September 10	The game show *Jeopardy!* returns to television as a syndicated show with new host Alex Trebek.
September 14	Dan Aykroyd and Bette Midler host the first MTV Video Music Awards at New York City's Radio City Music Hall, an event which included Madonna's performance of the song "Like a Virgin".
September 24	The game show *Super Password* premieres on NBC at 12:00 noon EST. The new version of the classic game show is one of the few shows to survive at a time period that normally broadcasts news on any of the three major networks, running for 4 1/2 years.
October 1	Montana, the last state in the Union without its own PBS station, gains one when Montana PBS launches.
	American Movie Classics is initiated.
October 8	NBC broadcasts *The Burning Bed*, which features Farrah Fawcett as a woman who kills her abusive husband. The fact-based film is the highest-rated entertainment event of the 1984–1985 season.
October 27	Turner Broadcasting System initiates the Cable Music Channel in the U.S., only to end it one month later.
November 12	Theresa Saldana appears as herself in the NBC movie *Victims for Victims: The Theresa Saldana Story*, a retelling of her 1982 stabbing incident and its aftermath.
December 17	George C. Scott plays Ebenezer Scrooge in a new version of the Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*, broadcast by CBS.
	The ABC soap opera *One Life to Live* changes its opening sequence and theme song, which lasted until 1991.

	ABC purchases a majority stake of ESPN from Getty Oil Corp.
December 28	*The Edge of Night* ends after twenty-eight years on CBS and ABC daytime.

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978–present)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *ABC's Wide World of Sports* (1961–1998)
- *Alice* (1976–1985)
- *All My Children* (1970-2011)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Battle of the Planets* (1978–1985)
- *Benson* (1979–1986)
- *Cagney & Lacey* (1982–1988)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)
- *Capitol* (1982–1987)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Dangermouse* (1980–1992)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)

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- *Fraggle Rock* (1983–1988)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Gimme a Break!* (1981–1987)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Happy Days* (1974–1984)
- *Hart to Hart* (1979–1984)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1992)
- *Hill Street Blues* (1981–1987)
- *Inspector Gadget* (1983–1986)
- *Knight Rider* (1982–1986)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Loving* (1983–1995)
- *Magnum, P.I.* (1980–1988)
- *Mama's Family* (1983–1985, 1986–1990)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)

- *Match Game—Hollywood Squares Hour* (1962–1969, 1973–1984, 1990–1991, 1998–1999)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Moneyline* (1980–present)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *Newhart* (1982–1990)
- *Nightline* (1979–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–2012, 2013)
- *Press Your Luck* (1983–1986)
- *Professional Bowlers Tour* (1962–1997)
- *Remington Steele* (1982–1987)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Scarecrow and Mrs. King* (1983–1987)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Silver Spoons* (1982–1987)
- *Simon & Simon* (1981–1988)
- *Solid Gold* (1980–1988)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *St. Elsewhere* (1982–1988)
- *Star Search* (1983-1995, 2003)

- *That's Incredible!* (1980–1984)
- *The A-Team* (1983–1987)
- *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–1985)
- *The Edge of Night* (1956–1984)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Fall Guy* (1981–1986)
- *The Jeffersons* (1975–1985)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)
- *Three's Company* (1977–1984)
- *Too Close for Comfort* (1980–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Webster* (1983–1989)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network

January 4	*Night Court*	NBC
January 6	*Blue Thunder*	ABC
January 20	*The Master*	NBC
January 22	*Airwolf*	CBS
January 28	*Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer*	CBS
March 6	*a.k.a. Pablo*	ABC
March 19	*Kate and Allie*	CBS
March 20	*Shaping Up*	ABC
March 31	*Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*	Syndication
April	*Video Music Box*	WNYC-TV
April 4	*Double Trouble*	NBC
April 12	*The Duck Factory*	NBC
April 14	*My Little Pony*	Syndication
June 2	*Leo the Lion*	CBN
July 2	*Scrabble*	NBC

July 13	*Brothers*	Showtime
July 30	*Santa Barbara*	NBC
August 13	*Call to Glory*	ABC
September 5	*Heathcliff*	Syndication
September 7	*Kids Incorporated*	
September 8	*Dragon's Lair*	ABC
	Mighty Orbots	
	Pink Panther and Sons	NBC
September 10	*Voltron: Defender of the Universe*	Syndication
September 15	*Snorks*	NBC
	The Get Along Gang	CBS
	Jim Henson's Muppet Babies	
	Pole Position	
	Pryor's Place	
September	*E/R*	

16	*Punky Brewster*	NBC
September 17	*The Transformers*	Syndication
September 18	*Hunter*	NBC
September 19	*Highway to Heaven*	NBC
September 20	*The Cosby Show*	NBC
September 20	*Who's the Boss?*	ABC
September 22	*Cover Up*	CBS
September 23	*Paper Dolls*	ABC
September 25	*Three's a Crowd*	ABC
September 26	*It's Your Move*	NBC
September 27	*Partners in Crime*	NBC
September 28	*Miami Vice*	NBC

September 30	*Tales from the Darkside*	Syndication
	Murder, She Wrote	CBS
October 3	*Charles in Charge*	
October 8	*Trivia Trap*	ABC
October 10	*Dreams*	CBS
October 26	*V*	NBC
December 30	*Crazy Like a Fox*	CBS

Returning this year[edit]

Title	Last aired	Previous network	New title	Returning network	Returning
People are Funny	1960	NBC	Same	Same	March 24
Showoffs	1975	ABC	*Body Language*	CBS	June 4
Jeopardy!	1979	NBC	Same	Syndication	September 10
Let's Make a Deal	1981	Syndication	*The All-New Let's Make a Deal*	Same	September 17
Password Plus	1982	NBC	*Super Password*		September 24

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
March 10	*We Got It Made* (returned in 1987)	1983
April 2	*Automan*	
April 7	*Mama's Family* (returned in 1986)	
April 10	*a.k.a. Pablo*	1984
April 16	*Blue Thunder*	
April 27	*Masquerade*	1983
April 30	*That's Incredible!*	1980
May 15	*Oh Madeline*	1983
May 19	*Fantasy Island*	1978
May 22	*Hart to Hart*	1979
May 28	*One Day at a Time*	1975
June 1	*Tattletales*	1982
June 2	*Whiz Kids*	1983

June 14	*Lottery!*	
July 4	*Real People*	1979
July 11	*The Duck Factory*	1984
July 12	*Happy Days*	1974
August 11	*Boone*	1983
September 1	*Rubik, the Amazing Cube*	
September 5	*Jennifer Slept Here*	
September 8	*The Flintstone Funnies*	1982
September 18	*Three's Company*	1977
December 1	*Dean Martin Celebrity Roast*	1973
	The New Scooby and Scrappy-Doo Show	1983
December 8	*Captain Kangaroo*	1955
December 11	*AfterMASH*	1983
December 28	*The Edge of Night*	1956

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

- *V: The Final Battle*

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 2	Kristen Hager	Canadian actress (*Valemont*, *Being Human*)
January 6	Kate McKinnon	Actress and singer (*The Big Gay Sketch Show*, *Saturday Night Live*)
January 24	Ashley C. Williams	Actress
January 26	Layla Kayleigh	English-American television host
February 1	Lee Thompson Young	Actor (*The Famous Jett Jackson*, *Rizzoli & Isles*) (d. 2013)
February 18	Chelsea Hobbs	Canadian actress (*Make It or Break It*)
March 10	Olivia Wilde	Actress (*House, M.D.*)
March 12	Jaimie Alexander	Actress (*Watch Over Me*, *Kyle XY*)
March 14	Liesel Matthews	Actress
March 20	Justine Ezarik	YouTube personality and actress (*The Annoying Orange*, *iJustine*)
	Christy Carlson Romano	Actress (*Even Stevens*, *Kim Possible*) and singer
March 25	Katharine McPhee	Actress and singer (*American Idol*, *Smash*, *Scorpion*)

March 30	Helena Mattsson	Swedish-American actress (*666 Park Avenue*)
April 2	Ashley Peldon	Actress (*The Mommies*) and sister of Courtney Peldon
April 4	Chrissie Fit	Actress (*General Hospital*)
April 8	Taran Noah Smith	Actor (*Home Improvement*)
	Kirsten Storms	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *General Hospital*)
April 10	Cara DeLizia	Actress (*So Weird*)
	Mandy Moore	Actress and singer (*TRON: Uprising*, *Sheriff Callie's Wild West*, *High School USA!*)
April 11	Kelli Garner	Actress (*Pan Am*)
April 16	Claire Foy	English actress (*Upstairs Downstairs*)
April 18	America Ferrera	Actress (*Ugly Betty*)
April 22	Michelle Ryan	British actress (*Bionic Woman*)
April 26	Emily Wickersham	Actress (*NCIS*)
April 27	Patrick Stump	Musician (*Fall Out Boy*) and actor (*Robot Chicken*)
April 29	Firass Dirani	Australian actor (*Power Rangers Mystic Force*)
	Taylor Cole	Actress (*Summerland*)

May 8	Julia Whelan	Actress (*Once and Again*)
May 12	Clare Bowen	Australian actress and singer (*Nashville*)
May 24	Sarah Hagan	Actress (*Freaks and Geeks*)
May 29	Carmelo Anthony	Basketball player
	Kaycee Stroh	Actress (*High School Musical*)
June 4	Jillian Murray	Actress
June 6	Antonia Prebble	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers Mystic Force*)
June 13	Phillip Van Dyke	Voice actor ("Arnold" from *Hey Arnold!* in 1997–99)
June 26	Aubrey Plaza	Actress (*Parks and Recreation*)
June 27	Emma Lahana	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers Dino Thunder*)
	Khloé Kardashian	Actress (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
July 7	Ross Malinger	Voice actor (*Recess*)
July 8	Alexis Dziena	Actress (*Invasion*, *Entourage*)
July 10	Kelly Dowdle	Actress (*American Crime Story*)
	Aviva Baumann	Actress

July 11	Rachael Taylor	Australian actress (*666 Park Avenue*, *Crisis*, *Jessica Jones*)
July 19	Kaitlin Doubleday	Actress (*Empire*)
July 27	Taylor Schilling	Actress (*Mercy*, *Orange is the New Black*)
July 30	Gabrielle Christian	Actress (*South of Nowhere*)
	Gina Rodriguez	Actress (*Jane the Virgin*)
August 1	Valery Ortiz	Actress (*South of Nowhere*, *What About Brian*)
August 3	Emily Baldoni	Swedish-American actress
August 10	Ryan Eggold	Actor (*90210*, *The Blacklist*)
August 28	Sarah Roemer	Actress (*The Event*, *Chosen*)
September 1	Joe Trohman	American musician (*Fall Out Boy*)
September 14	Adam Lamberg	Actor (*Lizzie McGuire*)
September 16	Sabrina Bryan	Actress, singer (*The Cheetah Girls*; *Dancing with the Stars* contestant [2 seasons])
September 18	Nina Arianda	Actress
September	Kevin Zegers	Canadian actor (*Gossip Girl*)

19	Lydia Hearst	Actress and great-granddaughter of William Randolph Hearst
September 22	Laura Vandervoort	Canadian actress (*Instant Star*, *V*, *Smallville*, *Bitten*)
September 23	CariDee English	Model and actress (*America's Next Top Model*)
	Anneliese van der Pol	Actress (*That's So Raven*) and singer
September 27	Avril Lavigne	Singer and actress
October 3	Ashlee Simpson	Actress, singer (*7th Heaven*, *The Ashlee Simpson Show*) sister of Jessica Simpson
	Jessica Parker Kennedy	Actress (*Kaya*, *The Secret Circle*, *Black Sails*)
October 4	Glenn McMillan	Brazilian actor (*Power Rangers Wild Force*)
October 11	Martha MacIsaac	Canadian actress (*1600 Penn*)
October 14	Jason Davis	Voice actor (*Recess*)
October 25	Katy Perry	Singer, songwriter, and actress
October 27	Emilie Ullerup	Danish-American actress (*Sanctuary*, *Arctic Air*)
October 28	Finn Wittrock	Actor (*All My Children*, *American Horror Story*)
November	Kimberly J. Brown	Actress (*Halloweentown*, *Vampire Princess Miyu*, *Guiding*

16		*Light*)
November 21	Lindsey Haun	Actress and singer
	Jena Malone	Actress
November 22	Scarlett Johansson	Actress (4-time host of *Saturday Night Live*)
November 23	Lucas Grabeel	Actor (*Halloweentown*, *High School Musical*, *Switched at Birth*)
November 28	Mary Elizabeth Winstead	Actress (*Wolf Lake*, *The Returned*)
December 4	Lindsey Felton	Actress (*Thunder Alley*, *Caitlin's Way*)
December 10	Tom Hern	New Zealand actor (*Power Rangers Dino Thunder*)
December 15	Kirsty Lee Allan	Australian actress
December 17	Shannon Woodward	Actress (*The Riches*, *Raising Hope*)
December 19	Erica O'Keith	Actress (*Romeo!*)
December 20	Bob Morley	Actor (*The 100*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
March 1	Jackie Coogan	69	actor (Uncle Fester on *The Addams Family*)
March 24	Sam Jaffe	93	actor (Dr. Zorba on *Ben Casey*)
May 2	Jack Barry	66	game show host/producer (*The Joker's Wild*)
May 16	Andy Kaufman	35	comedian (Latka Gravas on *Taxi*)
June 15	Ned Glass	78	actor
August 8	Richard Deacon	63	actor (Fred Rutherford on *Leave It to Beaver* and Mel Cooley on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*)
October 18	Jon-Erik Hexum	26	actor (gunshot wound from accident on set of TV series *Cover Up*)

1985 in American television

For the American TV schedule, see: 1985-86 United States network television schedule.

The year **1985** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events of that year.

Events[edit]

Date	Event

January 1	VH1 begins in the United States.
February 1	WJCK in Watertown, New York begins broadcasting, giving the Watertown market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
February 4	NBC becomes the first commercial television network to use satellite interconnection for its stations; as a result, it is the first network to discontinue use of chime intonations at the beginning of each telecast, to signal to its affiliates to start broadcasting the network feed.
March 2	The NBC situation comedy *Gimme a Break!* broadcasts an episode live.
March 18	Capital Cities Communications, a station owner group based in Albany, New York, stuns the broadcast industry by announcing that it is acquiring ABC for $3.5 billion. The move will prompt the company to sell off several of its television and radio stations to satisfy FCC ownership limits. The deal will be finalized on January 3, 1986.[1][2]
March 20	Norman Lear sells Tandem Productions and Embassy Television companies to The Coca-Cola Company, which also owns Columbia Pictures company, for $485 million.
April 28	WLIG commences broadcasting. (The call letters would change to WLNY-TV on September 1, 1996).
May 11	The first episode of *Saturday Night's Main Event* is broadcast by NBC, the first time that professional wrestling had been broadcast by network television since the 1950s.
May 15	The season finale of *Dynasty* on ABC sees the entire wedding party of Amanda Carrington (Catherine Oxenberg) and Prince Michael of Moldavia (Michael Praed) shot by revolutionaries in what is known as the Moldavian Massacre
May 17	The season finale of *Dallas* on CBS finds character Bobby Ewing (Patrick Duffy) on his deathbed after his crazed ex-sister-in-law Katherine Wentworth (Morgan Brittany) runs him down with her car.
May 19	WOIO-TV commences broadcasting in Cleveland. Initially an independent station, it

	will become a charter affiliate of Fox in 1986 and switch to CBS in 1994 as a result of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment.
June 14	ABC broadcasts its 2,311th and last daytime episode of *Family Feud* after 9 years. Richard Dawson gives an emotional speech at the end of the broadcast. Dawson would return to the series during 1994 for one more season. Meanwhile on CBS, *Press Your Luck* broadcasts the episode in which all three contestants would be invited back after a mistake on a question about the cartoon character Sylvester was corrected by Mel Blanc telephoning Peter Tomarken at the end of the show.
July 1	Nick at Nite, a nighttime program service with an emphasis on classic television reruns, is launched in the United States, being broadcast on the same channel as Nickelodeon. At the same time, A&E, which previously shared Nickelodeon's channel, begins broadcasting as its own 24-hour cable channel in January of that year on a separate satellite transponder.
July 13	The Live Aid concerts are broadcast from London and Philadelphia. In the U.S., the concerts are broadcast by MTV and over-the-air syndication, with ABC joining in a 3-hour prime-time period.
July 22	Douglas Marland starts his critically acclaimed eight-year run writing for the CBS soap opera *As the World Turns*.
August 4	Capital Cities Communications continues its acquisition of ABC when its CBS affiliate in Durham, North Carolina, WTVD, swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WRAL-TV in Raleigh.[3]
August 19	A taping of an outdoor interview for NBC's *Today* is interrupted by David Letterman, who, while taping his own *Late Night*, leans out of an office window and announces, "My name is Larry Grossman (then-president of NBC News) and I'm not wearing any pants!"
September 2	NBC becomes the first broadcast network in the U.S. to broadcast its prime time programs with stereo sound.
September 8	Capital Cities Communications continues its acquisition of ABC when KFSN-TV, its CBS affiliate in Fresno, California, swaps affiliations with the market's existing ABC

	affiliate, KJEO.
September 14	In part one of a three-part season premiere of *The Facts of Life* on NBC, Edna's Edibles, which had been the main locale of the long-running series since 1983, is burned to the ground. Edna Garrett and the girls would rebuild and replace it with an ice cream and gift shop named Over Our Heads.
September 18	"Top Ten Things That Almost Rhyme With Peas" is the subject of the first "Top 10 List" on NBC's *Late Night with David Letterman*.
September 22	The first Farm Aid concert is telecast from Champaign, Illinois, in syndication and by TNN.
September 23	Jackie Gleason and Art Carney reunite in the CBS movie *Izzy and Moe*.
November 8	The final episode of *The Price is Right* with Johnny Olson as announcer is broadcast by CBS. Olson had died on October 12; the show was broadcast as an "in memoriam" tribute to him on October 29.
November 9	On NBC, *Saturday Night Live* begins its 11th season, with Lorne Michaels returning as executive producer and an all-new cast that includes Jon Lovitz and Dennis Miller.
November 17	*Kane & Abel*, a miniseries based on the bestselling Jeffrey Archer novel, debuts on CBS.
November 18	Elmo, a new character for *Sesame Street*, is introduced on PBS. In the same episode, the adult cast of *Sesame Street* come face-to-face with Aloysius Snuffleupagus for the first time since the character's 1971 introduction.
December 3	*Copacabana*, an original musical featuring Barry Manilow (based on his 1978 song of the same name), Annette O'Toole, and Estelle Getty, is broadcast by CBS.
	Courteney Cox uses the word "period" (referring to menstruation) on U.S. television for

	the first time, in a commercial for Tampax brand tampons.

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- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)
- *Capitol* (1982–1987)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)
- *Dynasty* (1981–1989)
- *Entertainment Tonight* (1981–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Falcon Crest* (1981–1990)
- *Fame* (1982–1987)

- *Family Feud* (1976–1985, 1988–1995, 1999–present)
- *Family Ties* (1982–1989)
- *Fraggle Rock* (1983–1987)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Gimme a Break!* (1981–1987)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Highway to Heaven* (1984–1989)
- *Hill Street Blues* (1981–1987)
- *Hockey Night in Canada* (1952–present)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Kate and Allie* (1984–1989)
- *Knight Rider* (1982–1986)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Loving* (1983–1995)
- *Magnum, P.I.* (1980–1988)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Miami Vice* (1984–1989)
- *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (1968–2001)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)

- *Moneyline* (1980–2009)
- *Mother and Son* (Australia) (1984–1994)
- *Muppet Babies* (1984–1991)
- *Murder, She Wrote* (1984–1996)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988)
- *NBC Nightly News* (1970–present)
- *Newhart* (1982–1990)
- *Night Court* (1984–1992)
- *Nightline* (1979–present)
- *Nova* (1974–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–present)
- *Press Your Luck* (1983–1986)
- *Professional Bowlers Tour* (1962–1997)
- *Punky Brewster* (1984–1988)
- *Remington Steele* (1982–1987)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Santa Barbara* (1984–1993)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Scarecrow and Mrs. King* (1983–1987)
- *Schoolhouse Rock!* (1973–1986)
- *Search for Tomorrow* (1951–1986)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Silver Spoons* (1982–1987)
- *Simon & Simon* (1981–1988)

- *Solid Gold* (1980–1988)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *St. Elsewhere* (1982–1988)
- *Star Search* (1983-1995, 2003)
- *T. J. Hooker* (1982–1986)
- *Tales from the Darkside* (1984–1988)
- *The A-Team* (1983–1987)
- *The Cosby Show* (1984–1992)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Fall Guy* (1981–1986)
- *The Jetsons* (1962–1963, 1984–1985, 1987)
- *The Love Boat* (1977–1986)
- *The MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour* (1975–present)
- *The P.T.L. Club* (1976–1987)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)
- *Too Close for Comfort* (1980–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)

- *Webster* (1983–1989)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1975–present)
- *Who's the Boss?* (1984–1992)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 7	*Time Machine*	NBC
January 23	*Sara*	
	ThunderCats	Syndication
March 1	*Michael Nesmith in Television Parts*	NBC
March 3	*Moonlighting*	ABC
March 4	*Robotech*	Syndication
March 15	*Mr. Belvedere*	ABC
March 30	*CBS Storybreak*	CBS
April 7	*National Geographic Explorer*	Nickelodeon
April 10	*Lady Blue*	ABC
May 11	*WWF Saturday Night's Main Event*	NBC
June 3	*Larry King Live*	CNN

June 30	*Code of Vengeance*	NBC
July 14	*Stingray*	
August 13	*West 57th*	CBS
September 4	*Hell Town*	NBC
September 7	*The 13 Ghosts of Scooby-Doo*	ABC
	Star Wars: Droids	
	Star Wars: Ewoks	
	Small Wonder	Syndication
	What's Happening Now!!	
September 14	*227*	NBC
	Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears	
	The Golden Girls	
	It's Punky Brewster	
	The Berenstain Bears	CBS
	Hulk Hogan's Rock 'n' Wrestling	

	Jim Henson's Little Muppet Monsters	
	The Wuzzles	
	The Care Bears	Syndication
September 16	*America*	
	Break the Bank	
	G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero	
	Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors	
September 18	*Charlie & Co.*	CBS
	The Equalizer	
	George Burns Comedy Week	
	Stir Crazy	
September 20	*Spenser: For Hire*	ABC
September 21	*Hollywood Beat*	
	Lime Street	
September 24	*Growing Pains*	

September 29	*MacGyver*	
	Amazing Stories	NBC
October 4	*Misfits of Science*	
October 6	*Jem*	Syndication
November 20	*The Colbys*	ABC
November 21	*Shadow Chasers*	
December 11	*Foley Square*	CBS
	Mary	

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Retitled as/Same	New/Returning/Same network	Return date
The Jetsons	1963	ABC	Same	Syndication	September 16
The Twilight Zone	1964	CBS		Same	September 27
Making a Living	1982	ABC	It's a Living	Syndication	September 28
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	1965	NBC	Same	Same	September 29

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
February 1	*Call to Glory*	1984
February 8	*The Dukes of Hazzard*	1979
February 23	*It's Your Move*	1984
March 19	*Alice*	1976
March 22	*V*	1984
April 3	*Charles in Charge* (returned in 1987)	
April 9	*Three's a Crowd*	
April 19	*Off the Rack*	1985
May 8	*Sara*	
May 16	*Street Hawk*	
June 14	*Family Feud* (returned in 1988)	1976
June 25	*The Jeffersons*	1975
June 28	*Robotech*	1985
July 6	*Cover Up*	1984

July 20	*Hail to the Chief*	1985
August 1	*Battle of the Planets*	1978
August 10	*Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*	1972
September 28	*Little Muppet Monsters*	1985
October 12	*The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show*	1983
October 26	*Lime Street*	1985
November 9	*Super Friends*	1973
November 23	*Hollywood Beat*	1985
December 7	*The 13 Ghosts of Scooby-Doo*	
	The Wuzzles	
	Dungeons & Dragons	1983
December 27	*Glitter*	1984

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to

Diff'rent Strokes	NBC	ABC
The Jetsons	ABC	Syndication

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Date of airing
Space	CBS	April 14–18
North and South	ABC	November 3–10
Alice in Wonderland	CBS	December 9–10

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 11	Aja Naomi King	Actress (*How to Get Away with Murder*)
January 25	Hartley Sawyer	Actor (*Glory Daze*)
	Michael Trevino	Actor (*The Vampire Diaries*)
February 7	Deborah Ann Woll	Actress (*True Blood*, *Daredevil*)
	Tina Majorino	Actress (*Veronica Mars*, *Big Love*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Legends*)
February 9	David Gallagher	Actors (*7th Heaven*)

February 19	Haylie Duff	
February 22	Zach Roerig	Actor (*As the World Turns*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
March 4	Scott Michael Foster	Actor (*Greek*)
March 15	Eva Amurri	Actress (*Undateable*) and daughter of Susan Sarandon
	James Maclurcan	Australian actor (*Power Rangers Operation Overdrive*)
March 24	Jeremy James Kissner	Actor (*Flight 29 Down*)
March 31	Jessica Szohr	Actress (*Gossip Girl*)
April 6	Al Mukadam	Canadian actor
April 17	Rooney Mara	Actress
May 5	Clark Duke	Actor (*Hearts Afire*, *Greek*)
May 9	Chris Zylka	Actor (*The Secret Circle*) and model
May 10	Odette Yustman	Actress (*October Road*, *The Astronaut Wives Club*)
May 13	Iwan Rheon	Welsh actor (*Game of Thrones*)

May 14	Sally Martin	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers Ninja Storm*)
May 28	Carey Mulligan	British actress
June 10	Kristina Apgar	Actress (*Privileged*)
June 17	Antoinette Picatto	Actress (*Cover Me*)
	Sarah Thompson	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers Jungle Fury*)
June 18	Alex Hirsch	Actor (*Gravity Falls*)
June 25	Annaleigh Ashford	Actress (*Masters of Sex*) and singer
July 2	Ashley Tisdale	Actress (*The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*, *High School Musical*, *Phineas and Ferb*. *Hellcats*)
July 12	Adam Gregory	Actor (*90210*, *Winx Club*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*)
July 18	Chace Crawford	Actor (*Gossip Girl*)
July 21	Vanessa Lengies	Actress (*American Dreams*, *Hawthorne*, *Second Chance*)
July 25	James Lafferty	Actors (*One Tree Hill*)
	Shantel	

	VanSanten	
July 27	Aljin Abella	Australian actor (*Power Rangers Jungle Fury*)
August 9	Anna Kendrick	Actress and singer
August 15	Emily Kinney	Actress (*The Walking Dead*) and singer
August 16	Agnes Bruckner	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *The Returned*)
August 21	Laura Haddock	Actress (*Da Vinci's Demons*)
August 27	Kayla Ewell	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
September 8	Vanessa Baden	Actress (*Kenan & Kel*)
September 14	Dilshad Vadsaria	Actress (*Greek*, *Second Chance*)
September 16	Madeline Zima	Actress (*The Nanny*, *Californication*)
September 27	Grace Helbig	Actress and YouTube personality
October 8	Bruno Mars	Singer (*Saturday Night Live*)
October 11	Michelle Trachtenberg	Actress (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Gossip Girl*)
October 14	Daniel Clark	Actor (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*)

October 20	Jennifer Freeman	Actress (*My Wife and Kids*)
October 23	Masiela Lusha	European-born American actress (*George Lopez*)
October 28	Troian Bellisario	Actress (*Lauren*, *Pretty Little Liars*) and daughter of Donald P. Bellisario
November 20	Dan Byrd	Actor (*Aliens in America*)
November 30	Kaley Cuoco	Actress (*8 Simple Rules*, *6teen*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *This Old House Talk* and *The Today's Home Remodeler and Building Wisconsin Hour*)
December 3	Amanda Seyfried	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Big Love*) and singer
December 5	Frankie Muniz	Actor (*Malcolm in the Middle*, *The Fairly OddParents*)
December 10	Raven-Symoné	Actress (*The Cosby Show*, *Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*, *That's So Raven*, *The Cheetah Girls*)
December 26	Beth Behrs	Actress (*2 Broke Girls* and *The Today's Home Remodeler and Building Wisconsin Hour*)
December 28	Taryn Terrell	Actress and former ECW personality

December 30	Anna Wood	Actress (*Reckless*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 12	Nicholas Colasanto	61	Actor (Coach Ernie Pantusso on *Cheers*)
February 28	Charita Bauer	62	Soap opera actress (Bert Bauer on *Guiding Light*)
May 8	Dolph Sweet	64	Actor (Chief Carl Kanisky on *Gimme a Break!*)
May 13	Selma Diamond	64	Actress (Selma Hacker on *Night Court*)
August 2	Bob Holt	56	Voice actor, (Dr. Seuss television special)
October 2	Rock Hudson	59	Actor (Commissioner Stuart McMillan on *McMillan & Wife*)
October 15	Ted Steele	68	Host (*The Ted Steele Show*)
October 12	Johnny Olson	75	Game show announcer (*The Price Is Right*)
November 1	Phil Silvers	74	Actor, comedian (Sgt. Bilko on *You'll Never Get Rich*)
November 29	Bill Scott	65	Voice actor (Bullwinkle J. Moose)
December 31	Ricky Nelson	45	Actor (*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*), musician

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The year **1986 in television** involved some significant events. This is a list of notable events in the United States.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	ABC affiliate KOMU-TV in Columbia, Missouri, owned by the University of Missouri, swaps affiliations with NBC affiliate KCBJ-TV, reversing a swap that took place in 1982. KCBJ-TV subsequently changes its call letters to KMIZ to reflect the change.
January 6	A Vicks Formula 44 cough medicine advertisement premieres, featuring Peter Bergman from *All My Children*, in which he told the viewing audience "I'm not a doctor, but I play one on TV". This phrase, first used during the early 1970s by actor Robert Young of the series *Marcus Welby, M.D.* fame, was subsequently parodied by many popular culture references.
	A revival of *Card Sharks* premieres on CBS. In order to make room for the show (which aired at 10:30 AM), CBS moves *Press Your Luck* to the 4:00 PM timeslot.
January 25	HBO begins scrambling its signal.
January 28	NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger spacecraft disintegrates. CNN is the only news service to broadcast the disaster nationally.
February 9	Helen Martin joins the cast of the NBC comedy *227*, after appearing on every episode in the 1985–86 season. Martin replaces Kia Goodwin (who was dismissed from the cast after the first season), who portrayed Rose's (Alaina Reed) daughter, Tiffany, before written off the show initially during 1988.
February 11	Culture Club's main singer Boy George appears on an episode of the NBC drama *The A-Team*.
February 14	Frank Zappa appears on an episode of the popular NBC drama *Miami Vice*. Zappa plays a crime boss named "Mr. Frankie" in the episode "Florence Italy".
February 22	In honor of the 20th anniversary of the first episode of the television series *The Monkees*, MTV broadcasts "Pleasant Valley Sunday", a 22-hour marathon of Monkees episodes.

March 9	On the NBC soap opera *Search for Tomorrow*, the entire town of Henderson is washed away in a flood. Main character Joanne Tourneur's motel is the only structure in town left standing.
March 20	After four seasons, NBC cancels *Remington Steele*. This announcement results in Pierce Brosnan being named the newest portrayer of James Bond. As a result of the media frenzy concerning Brosnan's appointment, as well as the corresponding increase of *Steele's* ratings, NBC reverses its decision and announces *Steele* will return midway through the 1986–87 season. This results in Bond movie producers withdrawing their offer to Brosnan, though he would take on the role of Bond in 1995.
April 3	Merv Griffin sells his company, Merv Griffin Enterprises, to The Coca-Cola Company for $250,000,000.
	ABC affiliate KDEB-TV in Springfield, Missouri disaffiliates from the network and becomes an independent station as a result of an agreement between ABC and Telepictures, owners of independent station KSPR. KDEB-TV will eventually become a charter affiliate of the Fox Broadcasting Company a few months later.
April 21	Geraldo Rivera hosts a live two-hour syndicated special *The Mystery of Al Capone's Vault*, famously coming up empty-handed.
April 27	A man calling himself Captain Midnight jams HBO's signal to protest its monthly fee of $12.95.
May 10	Tommy Lee of rock group Mötley Crüe marries actress Heather Locklear.
May 12	NBC unveils its new Peacock logo during its 60th anniversary special.
May 16	Bobby Ewing is revealed to be alive and showering in his ex-wife Pam's bathroom in the season finale of the CBS drama *Dallas*; in the September 26 season premiere, it was shown that the entire 1985–86 season was a dream of hers the night after they agreed to remarry.
May 22	Cher calls David Letterman an "asshole" during a taping of NBC's *Late Night with*

	David Letterman.
June 1	CBS affiliate WCHS-TV in Charleston, West Virginia swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WOWK-TV, reversing a swap that took place in 1962.
June 29	CBS affiliate WOWT and NBC affiliate KMTV-TV, both in Omaha, Nebraska, agree to swap affiliations, thus reversing a swap that took place in 1956.
July 18	A tornado is broadcast live by NBC affiliate KARE in Minneapolis when the station's helicopter pilot makes a chance encounter.
August 15	Rod Roddy becomes the permanent announcer of the long-running CBS daytime game series *The Price Is Right*, replacing the deceased Johnny Olsen.
September 1	For one week, *CBS Evening News* anchorman Dan Rather attempts to initiate the use of the word "Courage" as a slogan. The attempt is a failure, and is noticed by other members of the press.
	Disney Channel, at the time a premium cable network, begins broadcasting a 24-hour-a-day schedule.
September 8	Oprah Winfrey's Chicago-based talk show goes national.
September 17	ABC becomes the second American network to discontinue use of chime intonations at the beginning of telecasts, switching to satellite feed activation.
September 27	On the NBC comedy *The Facts of Life*, Charlotte Rae quits the role of Mrs. Garrett (who marries her old friend Bruce Gaines, played by Robert Mandan), and is replaced by Cloris Leachman, who played Beverly Ann Stickle, Mrs. Garrett's sister.
September 28	CBS returns the 4:00 PM timeslot to its affiliates following the cancellation of *Press Your Luck* a month earlier.

October 9	The Fox Broadcasting Company (then abbreviated as FBC; now Fox) launches as the United States' fourth commercial broadcast television network, the first such attempt since 1967.
October 12	Fox signs its first affiliate outside of its charter group, when WTUV in Utica, New York signs-on.
November 8	Dana Carvey, Phil Hartman and Kevin Nealon join NBC's *Saturday Night Live*.
November 30	The Disney Channel signs off for the last time. From 7 a.m. on December 1, 1986, the channel broadcasts 24 hours a day.

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978–present)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *227* (1985–1990)
- *ABC World News* (1978–present)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *America This Morning* (1982–present)
- *America Undercover* (1983–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *American Masters* (1983–present)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Big Ballot* (1986)
- *Cagney & Lacey* (1982–1988)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)

- *Capitol* (1982–1987)
- *CBS News Sunday Morning* (1979–present)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)
- *College Basketball on CBS* (1981–present)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Diff'rent Strokes* (1978–1986)
- *Dynasty* (1981–1989)
- *Entertainment Tonight* (1981–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Falcon Crest* (1981–1990)
- *Fame* (1982–1987)
- *Family Ties* (1982–1989)
- *Fraggle Rock* (1983–1988)
- *Frontline* (1983–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Gimme a Break!* (1981–1987)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Growing Pains* (1985–1992)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Highway to Heaven* (1984–1989)

- *Hill Street Blues* (1981–1987)
- *It's a Living* (1980–1982, 1985–1989)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Kate and Allie* (1984–1989)
- *Knight Rider* (1982–1986)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *Larry King Live* (1985–2010)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (1980–2009)
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- *Press Your Luck* (1983–1986)
- *Punky Brewster* (1984–1988)
- *Remington Steele* (1982–1987)
- *Riptide* (1983–1986)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Sally* (1985–2002)
- *Santa Barbara* (1984–1993)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Scarecrow and Mrs. King* (1983–1987)
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- *Tic Tac Dough* (1978–1986)
- *Trapper John, M.D.* (1979–1986)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Webster* (1983–1989)
- *What's Happening Now!!* (1985–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1983–present)
- *Wheel of Fortune*, daytime version (1975–1991)
- *Who's the Boss?* (1984–1992)

- *Wide World of Sports* (1961–1997)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 5	*Blacke's Magic*	NBC
January 6	*Bruce Forsyth's Hot Streak*	ABC
January 18	*The Redd Foxx Show*	
January 22	*Planet Earth*	PBS
February 16	*Sidekicks*	ABC
February 24	*You Again?*	NBC
March 1	*The Hogan Family*	
March 3	*Matlock*	
March 5	*Fast Times*	CBS
March 25	*Perfect Strangers*	ABC
March 28	*Mr. Sunshine*	
May 28	*The Canned Film Festival*	Syndication
September 6	*WWF Superstars of Wrestling*	

	The Flintstone Kids	ABC
September 8	*Ghostbusters*	Syndication
	Nightlife	
	The Oprah Winfrey Show	
	SilverHawks	
	Superior Court	
September 9	*The Wizard*	CBS
September 10	*It's Garry Shandling's Show*	Showtime
September 11	*Our House*	NBC
September 13	*Easy Street*	
	Kissyfur	
	The Real Ghostbusters	ABC
	Pee-wee's Playhouse	CBS
	Teen Wolf	
	Wildfire	

	At the Movies	Syndication
September 14	*The New Adventures of Jonny Quest*	
September 15	*Rambo: The Force of Freedom*	
September 17	*Head of the Class*	ABC
September 18	*Crime Story*	NBC
	L.A. Law	
September 19	*Starman*	ABC
September 20	*The Ellen Burstyn Show*	
	Heart of the City	
	Life With Lucy	
September 22	*Dennis the Menace*	Syndication
	Zoobilee Zoo	
	Together We Stand	CBS
	ALF	NBC
September 23	*Sledge Hammer!*	ABC

September 25	*Our World*	
September 26	*Kay O'Brien*	CBS
September 27	*The New Mike Hammer*	
	Amen	NBC
September 28	*WWF Wrestling Challenge*	Syndication
September 29	*Designing Women*	CBS
October 1	*Better Days*	
October 6	*My Sister Sam*	
	Double Dare	Nickelodeon
October 9	*The Late Show with Joan Rivers*	Fox
December 1	*The Cavanaughs*	CBS
December 5	*Gung Ho*	ABC

Returning this year[edit]

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Card Sharks	1981	NBC	Same	CBS	January 6

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	Rambo: The Force of Freedom	
	Search for Tomorrow	1951

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Card Sharks	NBC	CBS
Mama's Family		Syndication
Silver Spoons		

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Channel	Premiere date
Andersonville (miniseries)	TNT	March 3
Gotti	HBO	August 17
Gulliver's Travels (miniseries)	NBC	February 4
If These Walls Could Talk	HBO	October 13
The Late Shift (miniseries)	HBO	November 24
The Last Frontier (miniseries)	CBS	November 3

Gulliver's Travels	NBC	February 24
North and South: Book II (miniseries)	ABC	May 4

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 5	Jesse Draper	Actress (*The Naked Brothers Band*)
January 15	Jessy Schram	Actress (*Falling Skies*, *Nashville*)
January 18	Becca Tobin	Actress (*Glee*) and singer
January 24	Mischa Barton	Actress (*The O.C.*)
	Raviv Ullman	Actor (*Phil of the Future*)
February 1	Lauren Conrad	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, *The Hills*)
February 2	Gemma Arterton	English actress
February 6	Alice Greczyn	Actress (*Quintuplets*, *The Lying Game*)
February 7	Stephen Colletti	Actor (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, *One Tree Hill*)
February 8	Anna Hutchison	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers Jungle Fury*)
February 12	Gary LeRoi Gray	Actor (*The Cosby Show*)
February 14	Tiffany Thornton	Actress (*Sonny with a Chance*, *So Random!*) and singer

February 15	Amber Riley	Actress (*Glee*)
February 25	Justin Berfield	Actor (*Unhappily Ever After*, *Malcolm in the Middle*)
February 26	Teresa Palmer	Australian actress
March 4	Margo Harshman	Actress (*Even Stevens*, *Run of the House*)
March 9	Brittany Snow	Actress (*American Dreams*, *Harry's Law*)
March 14	Jamie Bell	English actor (*Turn: Washington's Spies*)
March 16	Alexandra Daddario	Actress (*All My Children*)
March 17	Olesya Rulin	Russian-born actress (*High School Musical*)
March 22	Matt Bush	Actor (*Glory Daze*)
March 28	Lady Gaga	Singer, songwriter, and actress (*American Horror Story*)
April 2	Drew Van Acker	Actor (*Tower Prep*, *Pretty Little Liars*)
April 3	Amanda Bynes	Actress (*The Amanda Show*, *What I Like About You*)
April 9	Leighton Meester	Actress (*Gossip Girl*) and singer

	Jordan Masterson	Actor (*Greek*, *Last Man Standing*)
April 22	Amber Heard	Actress (*Hidden Palms*)
April 25	John DeLuca	Actor (*General Hospital*)
	Daniel Sharman	English actor (*Teen Wolf*, *The Originals*)
April 28	Jenna Ushkowitz	Actress (*Glee*) and singer
April 30	Dianna Agron	
May 2	Emily Hart	Actress
	Thomas McDonell	Actor (*The 100*)
May 3	Poppy Delevingne	English model
May 8	Laura Spencer	Actress (*The Lizzie Bennet Diaries*, *The Big Bang Theory*)
May 9	Grace Gummer	Actress (*Gigantic*, *American Horror Story*, *Extant*)
May 12	Emily VanCamp	Actress (*Everwood*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *Revenge*)
May 13	Lena Dunham	Actress (*Girls*)
May 16	Drew Roy	Actor (*Falling Skies*)

	Jacob Zachar	Actor (*Greek*)
	Megan Fox	Actress (*Ocean Ave.*, *New Girl*)
May 17	Amy Gumenick	Actress (*Turn: Washington's Spies*)
	Tahj Mowry	Actor (*Full House*, *Smart Guy*, *Kim Possible*, *Baby Daddy*)
May 20	Louisa Krause	Actress
May 22	Molly Ephraim	Actress (*Last Man Standing*)
May 24	Mark Ballas	Dancer and choreographer (*Dancing with the Stars*)
June 4	Leslie Carter	Actress (*House of Carters*) (d. 2012)
June 5	Amanda Crew	Canadian actress (*Silicon Valley*)
June 10	Joey Zimmerman	Actor (*Earth 2*, *Halloweentown*)
June 11	Shia LaBeouf	Actor (*Even Stevens*)
June 13	Kat Dennings	Actress (*Raising Dad*, *2 Broke Girls*, Co-Host of *The Today's Home Remodeler and Building Wisconsin Hour*)
	Mary-Kate Olsen	Actresses (*Full House*, *Two of a Kind*, *So Little Time*)
	Ashley Olsen	
June 17	Marie	Actress (*The 100*)

	Avgeropoulos	
June 18	Richard Madden	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)
June 19	Erin Mackey	Actress (*The Parent Trap*)
June 20	Dreama Walker	Actress (*Gossip Girl*, *Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*)
June 24	Kaitlin Cullum	Actress (*Grace Under Fire*)
	Solange Knowles	Singer, actress
June 27	Drake Bell	Actor (*The Amanda Show*, *Drake & Josh*)
June 28	Shadia Simmons	Canadian actress
July 1	Casey Reinhardt	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*)
July 2	Lindsay Lohan	Actress (4-time host of *Saturday Night Live*, *Lindsay*)
July 8	Jake McDorman	Actor (*Quintuplets*, *Greek*, *Limitless*)
July 9	Kiely Williams	Actress (*The Cheetah Girls*), singer
July 16	Taryn Southern	Actress (*Sorority Forever*), singer and YouTube personality
July 17	Brando Eaton	Actor (*Dexter*, *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*)
July 24	Megan Park	Actress (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, *The*

		Neighbors)
July 28	Alexandra Chando	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *The Lying Game*)
August 3	Andrew McFarlane	Actor (*My Wife and Kids*)
August 8	Peyton List	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *The Tomorrow People*)
August 16	Shawn Pyfrom	Actor (*Desperate Housewives*)
August 17	Bryton James	Actor (*Family Matters*, *The Young and the Restless*)
August 21	Kiami Davael	Actress
August 29	Lea Michele	Actress (*Glee*, *Scream Queens*)
August 31	Ryan Kelley	Actor (*Teen Wolf*)
September 12	Alfie Allen	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)
	Emmy Rossum	Actress (*Shameless*)
September 14	A.J. Trauth	Actor (*Even Stevens*)
September 15	Heidi Montag	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, *The Hills*)
September	Ian Harding	Actor (*Pretty Little Liars*)

16	Kyla Pratt	Actress (*One on One*, *The Proud Family*)
September 19	Mandy Musgrave	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *South of Nowhere*)
September 23	Kaylee DeFer	Actress (*The War at Home*, *Gossip Girl*)
September 24	Eloise Mumford	Actress (*The River*)
September 26	Ashley Leggat	Canadian actress
September 29	Lo Bosworth	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, *The Hills*)
October 2	Camilla Belle	Actress
October 7	Amber Stevens West	Actress (*Greek*)
	Holland Roden	Actress (*Teen Wolf*)
October 10	Lucy Griffiths	English actress (*Robin Hood*, *True Blood*, *Preacher*)
October 12	Tyler Blackburn	Actor (*Pretty Little Liars*)
October 13	Raquel Lee	Actress (*The Amanda Show*)
October 23	Briana Evigan	Actress and daughter of Greg Evigan

	Emilia Clarke	English actress (*Game of Thrones*)
	Jessica Stroup	Actress (*90210*)
October 24	Drake	Canadian actor (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*) and singer
October 29	Italia Ricci	Canadian actress (*Unnatural History*)
November 1	Penn Badgley	Actor ('The Young and the Restless, The Mountain, The Bedford Diaries, Gossip Girl*)*
November 4	Alexz Johnson	Actress (*So Weird*)
November 6	Katie Leclerc	Actress (*Switched at Birth*)
November 10	Josh Peck	Actor (*The Amanda Show*, *Drake & Josh*, *Grandfathered*)
November 18	Joseph Ashton	Voice actor (Otto Rocket on *Rocket Power*)
November 25	Katie Cassidy	Actress (*Harper's Island*, *Melrose Place*, *Arrow*)
December 11	Condola Rashad	Actress (*Steel Magnolias*)
December 23	Noël Wells	Actress (*CollegeHumor Originals*, *Saturday Night Live*) and singer
December 26	Kit Harington	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)

December 30	Caity Lotz	Actress (*Arrow*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 14	Donna Reed	64	Actress (*The Donna Reed Show*, *Dallas*)
January 24	Gordon MacRae	64	Actor and singer
January 29	Leif Erickson	74	Actor (*The High Chaparral*)
May 28	Don MacLaughlin	79	Actor (Chris Hughes on *As the World Turns*)
June 14	Marlin Perkins	81	Zoologist, host of (*Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*)
July 15	Florence Halop	63	Actress (Florence on *Night Court*)
August 26	Ted Knight	62	Actor (Ted Baxter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*)
October 25	Forrest Tucker	67	Actor (*F Troop*)
November 2	Paul Frees	66	Voice actor (Boris Badenov on *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*, 1st voice for the Pillsbury Doughboy)
December 2	Desi Arnaz	69	Actor and musician (Ricky Ricardo on *I Love Lucy*)

1987 in American television

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The year **1987 in television** involved some significant events. This is a list of notable events in the United States.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 5	*Remington Steele* is resumed by NBC after a six-month hiatus during which series main actor Pierce Brosnan won the movie role of James Bond, only to lose it when NBC unexpectedly renewed the television series. *Remington Steele* adopts a TV-movie length format but only runs for a few installments before being canceled permanently.

January 22	R. Budd Dwyer shoots and kills himself at a televised press conference. The decision by some companies to broadcast the footage results in a debate concerning journalistic ethics.
February 2	PBS broadcasts the critically acclaimed series *Eyes on the Prize*.
February 8	*Amerika*, the science-fiction drama miniseries, showing life ten years after the United States is defeated and occupied by the USSR, was broadcast on ABC.
March 9	KETK-TV in Jacksonville, Texas signs on the air, giving the Tyler market its first full-time NBC affiliate. (NBC had previously been shared on KLTV with CBS (until KLMG-TV signed on in 1984), and later ABC which KLTV retains as a full-time affiliate.)
March 19	Televangelist Jim Bakker resigns as the host of *The PTL Club* after involvement in a sex scandal.
March 27	On CBS, *The Price Is Right* surpasses *Concentration* as the longest-running daytime game show in history.
April 5	The Fox TV network makes its prime-time debut, marking the first time since 1955 that there were four U.S. networks with prime-time programming. The network debuted two shows, *Married... with Children* and *The Tracey Ullman Show*, which are broadcast three times each during the night so that viewers watching other networks can switch over and sample the shows.
April 6	During an episode of the ABC late-night news program *Nightline* devoted to the upcoming 40th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut in Major League Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers general manager Al Campanis makes racially insensitive comments when asked about the scarcity of blackfield or general managers in MLB. Campanis would be fired two days later.
April 19	Matt Groening's *The Simpsons* debuts as a series of short animated segments as part of *The Tracey Ullman Show* on Fox.
May 3	The fledgling Fox network enters the Tri-Cities area of Tennessee when independent

	station WETO in Greeneville begins airing their programming.
May 6	*Mr. Belvedere* is canceled after three seasons. Criticism caused ABC executives to rethink the decision and resume the series. (Since the fall programming schedules were already set, *Mr. Belvedere* would not premiere until late October.)
May 15	Pamela Ewing's car speeds out of control, crashes into a tanker, and explodes on the season finale of the CBS drama *Dallas*.
June 4	CBS becomes the last American network to cease a chime intonation at the beginning of telecasts; satellite feeds have made the tones obsolete (their function was to signal to the affiliates to start broadcasting the network feed in synchronization with the others).
June 30	U.S. daytime television was interrupted for the Iran-Contra hearings.
July 15	Genie Francis, of *General Hospital* fame, starts a new soap opera role as Diana Colville on the NBC soap opera *Days of Our Lives*, which she will play until 1989.
July 31	Movietime, forerunner to E!, goes on the air.
August 1	ABC affiliate KRCR-TV in Redding, California launches full-time satellite KAEF-TV in Arcata, California, giving the Eureka market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
September 5	Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* was broadcast for the 2,751st and last time by ABC, after 30 years on the network. (It continued in syndication for 2 more years.)
September 11	Dan Rather of the *CBS Evening News* leaves the newscast when a televised tennis match runs two minutes over. He is missing for six minutes.
October 12	Valerie Harper files a lawsuit against NBC and Lorimar for breach of contract after being dismissed from her sitcom *Valerie*.
October 15	Bob Barker stops dyeing his hair brown and appears on *The Price is Right* for the first

	time with white hair. He is given a minute-long standing ovation by the audience.
November 13	Sonny & Cher reunite for a performance on NBC's late-night talk show *Late Night with David Letterman*.
November 22	During a showing of the *Doctor Who* story "Horror of Fang Rock", PBS member station WTTW-TV Channel 11 in Chicago is interrupted for 88 seconds by a pirate television transmitter overriding the station's transmission signal to broadcast a video of himself in a Max Headroom mask being spanked.

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978—present)
- *60 Minutes* (1968—present)
- *227* (1985–1990)
- *ABC World News* (1978–present)
- *Airwolf* (1984–1987)
- *ALF* (1986–1990)
- *All My Children* (1970—2011)
- *Amen* (1986–1991)
- *America This Morning* (1982–present)
- *America Undercover* (1983–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *American Masters* (1983–present)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956—2010)
- *Cagney & Lacey* (1982–1988)
- *Candid Camera* (1948—2004)

- *Capitol* (1982–1987)
- *CBS News Sunday Morning* (1979–present)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965—present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Designing Women* (1986–1993)
- *Double Dare* (1986–1993)
- *Dynasty* (1981–1989)
- *Entertainment Tonight* (1981—present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954—present)
- *Falcon Crest* (1981–1990)
- *Family Ties* (1982–1989)
- *Fraggle Rock* (1983–1987)
- *Frontline* (1983–present)
- *General Hospital* (1963—present)
- *Gimme a Break!* (1981–1987)
- *Good Morning America* (1975—present)
- *Growing Pains* (1985–1992)
- *Guiding Light* (1952—2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951—present)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Highway to Heaven* (1984–1989)
- *Hill Street Blues* (1981–1987)

- *It's a Living* (1980–1982, 1985–1989)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Kate & Allie* (1984–1989)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *L.A. Law* (1986–1994)
- *Larry King Live* (1985–2010)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (1980–2009)
- *Loving* (1983–1995)
- *MacGyver* (1985–1992)
- *Magnum, P.I.* (1980–1988)
- *Mama's Family* (1983–1984, 1986–1990)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971—present)
- *Matlock* (1986–1996)
- *Max Headroom* (1987–1988)
- *Meet the Press* (1947—present)
- *Miami Vice* (1984–1989)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970—present)
- *Moonlighting* (1985–1989)
- *Mr. Belvedere* (1985–1990)
- *Muppet Babies* (1984–1991)
- *Murder, She Wrote* (1984–1996)
- *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* (1963–1988, 2002–present)
- *Mystery!* (1980–present)

- *National Geographic Explorer* (1985–present)
- *Nature* (1982–present)
- *NBC Nightly News* (1970–present)
- *Newhart* (1982–1990)
- *Night Court* (1984–1992)
- *Nightline* (1979—present)
- *Nova* (1974–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968—present)
- *Pee-wee's Playhouse* (1986–1990)
- *Perfect Strangers* (1986–1993)
- *Punky Brewster* (1984–1988)
- *Remington Steele* (1982–1987)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Sally* (1985–2002)
- *Santa Barbara* (1984–1993)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975—present)
- *Sesame Street* (1969—present)
- *Silver Spoons* (1982–1987)
- *Simon & Simon* (1981–1988)
- *Solid Gold* (1980–1988)
- *Soul Train* (1971—2006)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (1987-1994)
- *St. Elsewhere* (1982–1988)

- *Tales from the Darkside* (1984–1988)
- *The A-Team* (1983–1987)
- *The Addams Family* (1964-1966)
- *The Cosby Show* (1984–1992)
- *The Disney Sunday Movie* (1986–1988)
- *The Facts of Life* (1979–1988)
- *The Golden Girls* (1985–1992)
- *The McNeil/Leather Newshour* (1975–present)
- *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (1986–2011)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972—present)
- *The Today Show* (1952—present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Twilight Zone* (1985–1988)
- *The Young and the Restless* (1973—present)
- *This Old House* (1979—present)
- *This Week* (1981–present)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Webster* (1983–1989)
- *What's Happening Now!!* (1985–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune* (1983–present)
- *Wheel of Fortune*, daytime version (1975—1991)
- *Who's the Boss?* (1984–1992)
- *Wide World of Sports* (1961–1998)

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 3	*Unsolved Mysteries*	NBC
January 17	*Ohara*	ABC
January 21	*The Tortellis*	NBC
January 26	*Square One TV*, *Mathnet*, and *Mathman*	PBS
February 9	*Rescue 911*	CBS
March 11	*Houston Knights*	
March 13	*Rags to Riches*	NBC
March 18	*The Bronx Zoo*	
March 19	*Roomies*	
March 20	*The Charmings*	ABC
March 23	*The Bold and the Beautiful*	CBS
March 31	*Max Headroom*	ABC
April 2	*Nothing in Common*	NBC
April 5	*Married... with Children*	Fox

	The Tracey Ullman Show	
April 12	*21 Jump Street*	
April 18	*Sweet Surrender*	NBC
April 19	*Bionic Six*	Syndication
	Duet	Fox
April 26	*Down and Out in Beverly Hills*	
May 3	*Mr. President*	
May 21	*The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*	NBC
June 15	*Home Shopping Game*	Syndication
July 11	*Werewolf*	Fox
July 18	*Karen's Song*	
	The New Adventures of Beans Baxter	
August 8	*Animal Crack-Ups*	ABC
September 7	*Geraldo*	Syndication

September 12	*My Pet Monster*	ABC
	I'm Telling!	NBC
	The New Archies	
	Popeye and Son	CBS
September 14	*Dinosaucers*	Syndication
	Maxie's World	
	Frank's Place	CBS
September 16	*Wiseguy*	
September 17	*Out of This World*	NBC
September 18	*DuckTales* (Original series)	Syndication
September 19	*Once a Hero*	ABC
	Marblehead Manor	NBC
	She's the Sheriff	
September 20	*The Highwayman*	
	My Two Dads	

September 21	*Beverly Hills Teens*	Syndication
	Spiral Zone	
September 22	*Full House*	ABC
	I Married Dora	
September 23	*Hooperman*	
	The Slap Maxwell Story	
September 24	*A Different World*	NBC
	Tour of Duty	CBS
September 25	*Beauty and the Beast*	
September 26	*Jake and the Fatman*	
	ALF: The Animated Series	NBC
	J.J. Starbuck	
	Second Chance (aka Boys Will Be Boys)	Fox
September 27	*Dolly*	ABC
	The Law & Harry McGraw	CBS

September 28	*Star Trek: The Next Generation*	Syndication
September 29	*thirtysomething*	ABC
October 3	*Everything's Relative*	CBS
	Leg Work	
October 11	*Women in Prison*	Fox
November 2	*Finders Keepers*	Nickelodeon
November 5	*Beverly Hills Buntz*	NBC
November 7	*Sable*	ABC
November 30	*CBS This Morning*	CBS
December 7	*Remote Control*	MTV
December 10	*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*	Syndication
December 11	*The Wilton North Report*	Fox

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Retitled as/Same	New/Same network	Return date
Charles in Charge	1985	CBS	Same	Syndication	January 3

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Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
February 7	*Too Close for Comfort*	1980
February 27	*The Love Boat*	1977
March 1	*The New Adventures of Jonny Quest*	1986
March 3	*Silver Spoons*	1982
March 8	*The A-Team*	1983
March 12	*The Wizard*	1986
March 20	*Capitol*	1982
March 26	*The Colbys*	1985

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<tr><td>May 15</td><td>Roomies</td><td>1987</td></tr>
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May 28	*Scarecrow and Mrs. King*	1983
	Our World	1986
June 3	*Nothing in Common*	1987
June 13	*Sidekicks*	1986
June 19	*Nightlife*	
June 27	*Gung Ho*	
July 2	*Heart of the City*	
July 8	*Sweet Surrender*	1987
August 7	*Airwolf*	1984
September 7	*The Ellen Burstyn Show*	1986
September 12	*Down and Out in Beverly Hills*	1987
	Karen's Song	
September 23	*My Little Pony*	1984
October 3	*Once a Hero*	1987
October 25	*Maxie's World*	

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<tr><td>The P.T.L. Club</td><td>1976</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">December 18</td><td>Beverly Hills Teens</td><td rowspan="3">1987</td></tr>
<tr><td>Spiral Zone</td></tr>
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Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Punky Brewster	NBC	Syndication

Webster	ABC	

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere date
Amerika	ABC	February 8
The Facts of Life Down Under	NBC	February 15
LBJ: The Early Years		February 1
Poor Little Rich Girl: The Barbara Hutton Story		November 16
Roman Holiday		December 28

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 2	Lauren Storm	Actress (*Flight 29 Down*)
	Shelley Hennig	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *The Secret Circle*, *Teen Wolf*)
January 5	Kristin Cavallari	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, *The Hills*)
January 7	Lyndsy Fonseca	Actress (*How I Met Your Mother*, *Nikita*)
January 12	Naya Rivera	Actress (*The Royal Family*, *The Bernie Mac Show*, *Glee*)

January 20	Evan Peters	Actor (*American Horror Story*)
January 27	Kylie Sparks	Actress (*Squaresville*)
January 28	Misha Crosby	British actor (*The Lying Game*)
January 29	Alex Murrel	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*)
February 1	Heather Morris	Actress (*Glee*) and singer
February 2	Martin Spanjers	Actor (*8 Simple Rules*, *Good Luck Charlie*)
February 5	Darren Criss	Actor (*Glee*, *A Very Potter Musical*) and singer
February 9	Rose Leslie	Scottish actress (*Game of Thrones*, *Downton Abbey*)
February 21	Ashley Greene	Actress
	Ellen Page	Actress (*Pit Pony*, hosted *Saturday Night Live*, 2008)
March 1	Kesha	American singer
March 9	Bow Wow	Rapper (host of *106 & Park*)
March 17	Rob Kardashian	Actor (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
March 28	Mary Kate Wiles	Actress (*The Lizzie Bennet Diaries*, *Squaresville*) and singer
April 1	Mackenzie Davis	Actress (*Halt and Catch Fire*)

April 3	Rachel Bloom	Actress and singer (*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*)
April 4	Sarah Gadon	Canadian actress (*Friends and Heroes*)
April 9	Jesse McCartney	Actor (*All My Children*, *Summerland*, *Young & Hungry*) and singer
April 10	Jamie Renée Smith	Actress (*Ask Harriet*)
	Shay Mitchell	Canadian actress (*Pretty Little Liars*)
April 12	Brooklyn Decker	Actress (*Friends with Better Lives*, *Grace and Frankie*) and model
	Mike Manning	Actor (*The Real World: D.C.*)
April 15	Samira Wiley	Actress (*Orange is the New Black*)
April 19	Courtland Mead	Actor (*Kirk*, *Recess*)
April 26	Jessica Lee Rose	Actress (*lonelygirl15*, *Sorority Forever*, *Hooking Up*)
April 27	William Moseley	English actor (*The Royals*)
May 10	Eileen April Boylan	Actress (*South of Nowhere*, *Greek*)
May 11	Kenneth Schmidt	Actor
May 13	Candice King	Actress (*The Vampire Diaries*) and singer
May 19	Jayne Wisener	Irish actress (*6Degrees*)

May 30	Curtis Williams	Actor (*The Parent 'Hood*)
May 31	Meredith Hagner	Actress (*As the World Turns*, *Men at Work*)
June 3	Lalaine	Actress (*Lizzie McGuire*)
June 12	Chris Galya	Actor (*Jessie*)
June 16	Diana DeGarmo	Actress (*The Young and the Restless*)
	Kelly Blatz	Actor (*Aaron Stone*, *Glory Daze*)
June 17	Rebecca Breeds	Australian actress (*The Originals*)
June 23	Haley Strode	Actress (*Wendell & Vinnie*)
June 27	Ed Westwick	English actor (*Gossip Girl*)
July 3	Chris Hunter	Actor (*South of Nowhere*)
July 6	Matt O'Leary	Actor (*Spy Kids*)
July 7	Julianna Guill	Actress (*My Alibi*, *Glory Daze*, *Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce*)
July 14	Sara Canning	Canadian actress (*The Vampire Diaries*)
July 16	AnnaLynne McCord	Actress (*American Heiress*, *90210*)

July 24	Mara Wilson	Actress
August 8	Katie Leung	
August 10	Ari Boyland	New Zealand actor (*Power Rangers RPM*)
August 18	Mika Boorem	Actress
August 21	Cody Kasch	Actor (*Desperate Housewives*)
August 25	Blake Lively	Actress (*Gossip Girl*)
August 30	Johanna Braddy	Actress (*Greek*, *Video Game High School*, *UnREAL*, *Quantico*)
September 7	Evan Rachel Wood	Actress (*Once and Again*) and singer
September 9	Clayton Snyder	Actor (*Lizzie McGuire*)
September 11	Elizabeth Henstridge	Actress (*Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*)
	Tyler Hoechlin	Actor (*7th Heaven*, *Teen Wolf*)
September 13	Erin Way	Actress (*I Heart Vampires*, *Alphas*)
September 19	Danielle Panabaker	Actress (*Shark*, *The Flash*)
September 28	Hilary Duff	Actress (*Lizzie McGuire*, *Younger*) and singer

September 29	David Del Rio	Actor (*The Troop*)
October 1	Matthew Daddario	Actor
October 2	Christopher Larkin	Actor (*The 100*)
	Erika Lauren Wasilewski	Actress (*The Real World: D.C.*)
October 13	Ashley Newbrough	Actress (*Privileged*)
October 18	Zac Efron	Actor (*Summerland*, *High School Musical*)
November 5	Kevin Jonas	Actor (*Jonas*, *Married to Jonas*) and singer (*Jonas Brothers*)
November 7	Rachele Brooke Smith	Actress
November 25	Dolla	American rapper (d. 2009)
November 28	Karen Gillan	Scottish actress (*Doctor Who*)
November 30	Christel Khalil	Actress (*The Young and the Restless*)
December 3	Michael Angarano	Actor (*Cover Me*)
December 4	Orlando Brown	Actor (*Family Matters*, *Two of a Kind*, *That's So Raven*) and rapper

December 6	Jack DeSena	Actor (*Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *100 Things to Do Before High School*)
December 7	Aaron Carter	Actor (*House of Carters*)
December 12	Kate Todd	Canadian actress
December 16	Hallee Hirsh	Actress (*ER*, *Flight 29 Down*)
	Michael Lohan Jr.	Actor (*The Parent Trap*, *Living Lohan*)
December 27	Kristina Horner	YouTube personality and actress
December 28	Taylor Ball	Actor (*Still Standing*)
	Hannah Tointon	English actress (*Kerching!*, *Dream Team*, *Hollyoaks*)
	Thomas Dekker	Actor (*Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*, *The Secret Circle*, *Backstrom*)
	Adam Gregory	Actor (*90210*, *Winx Club*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*)
December 29	Iain De Caestecker	Actor (*Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 22	David Susskind	66	Commentator and producer (*The David Susskind Show*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 25	James Coco	56	Actor
March 3	Danny Kaye	76	Actor & comedian (*The Danny Kaye Show*)
March 21	Dean Paul Martin	35	Actor (*Misfits of Science*)
March 28	Patrick Troughton	67	Actor (the Second Doctor on *Doctor Who* from 1966 to 1969)
April 17	Dick Shawn	63	Actor
May 4	Cathryn Damon	56	Actress (Mary on *Soap*)
May 31	Roy Winsor	75	Soap opera writer (*Search for Tomorrow*)
June 24	Jackie Gleason	71	Actor (*The Honeymooners*, *The Jackie Gleason Show*)
August 11	Clara Peller	85	Wendy's spokesperson (*Where's the Beef?* ad campaign)
August 19	Hayden Rorke	76	Actor (Dr. Bellows on *I Dream of Jeannie*)
September 5	Quinn Martin	65	Executive producer (*The Fugitive* and many others)
September 11	Lorne Greene	72	Actor (Ben Cartwright on *Bonanza*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
September 22	Dan Rowan	65	Comedian (co-host of *Laugh-In*)

1988 in American television

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1988–89 United States network television schedule

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The year **1988 in television** involved some significant events. This is a list of notable events in the United States.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 4	Nick Jr. begins as a block of Nickelodeon programming for younger children.
	Blackout, hosted by Bob Goen, premieres on CBS. The game show runs for only thirteen weeks, after which *The $25,000 Pyramid*, the show it replaced, returns to the air on April 4 while CBS develops a revival of *Family Feud*.
February 2	Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart, involved with a sex scandal, admits to being with prostitutes and temporarily ends his television ministry.
February 5	Wrestlers Hulk Hogan and André the Giant compete on *The Main Event* on NBC, marking the return of professional wrestling to network prime-time for the first time since 1955.
February 23	Future Grammy Award-winning recording artist Lauryn Hill (The Fugees frontwoman) makes her television debut on *Showtime at the Apollo* as a contestant of Amateur Night, where the 13-year-old Hill performed "Who's Lovin' You" by Motown Records singer Smokey Robinson, and gets booed by the audience.
February 26	Tom Hardy marries Simone Ravelle on the ABC soap opera *General Hospital*, the first interracial wedding on American daytime television.
March 1	Nickelodeon debuts the first Kids Choice Awards ceremony.
March 19	"I Heard It Through the Grapevine" experiences a surge of popularity caused by television commercials featuring claymation raisin figures. The California Raisins' version of the song peaks at #84 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.
April 3	In Jacksonville, Florida, NBC affiliate WJKS (now CW affiliate WCWJ) and ABC affiliate WTLV swap affiliations, reversing a swap that took place in 1980. NBC will later dub this swap one of its most successful affiliation switches ever.

April 8	Ana Alicia's character, Melissa Agretti, dies in a house fire on the CBS drama *Falcon Crest*.
April 13	Geraldo Rivera's live special *Murder: Live from Death Row* is broadcast in syndication; a highlight is Rivera's pre-taped interview with Charles Manson.
May 1	*Magnum, P.I.* broadcasts its 2-hour series finale on CBS.
May 13	In the season finale of the CBS drama *Dallas*, character J.R. Ewing pushes over the railing of his high-rise office building the character Nicholas Pierce, and Sue Ellen is so enraged that she fires three shots at Ewing.
May 30	After rejecting an offer to join CBS News, Peter Mansbridge replaces Knowlton Nash as anchorman of CBC Television's series *The National*.
June 14	The CBS soap opera *The Young and the Restless* tops the daytime ratings (deposing longtime winner *General Hospital*), starting an unsurpassed series of #1 victories that still continues as of 2016.[1]
July 4	Three years after its cancellation by ABC, CBS resurrects *Family Feud* for its daytime lineup, featuring new host Ray Combs. A syndicated nighttime version would premiere later in the autumn.
August 27	Fox affiliate WWPC-TV in Altoona, Pennsylvania (a satellite of WWCP-TV in Johnstown) breaks from its simulcast with WWCP-TV to become an ABC affiliate, returning ABC to the Altoona/State College market after its previous ABC affiliate WOPC-TV went dark in 1982.
September 10	In Knoxville, Tennessee, CBS affiliate WBIR-TV swaps affiliations with NBC affiliate WTVK. Shortly after the switch, WTVK moves to channel 8, one of the last remaining VHF channel allocations in the U.S., and becomes WKXT-TV (now WVLT-TV).[2]
September 19	*Square One TV* returns for its second season on PBS.

October 3	TNT, the fourth cable network owned by Turner Broadcasting, commences programming with a broadcast of the movie *Gone with the Wind*.
October 4	As did Cher, actress Shirley MacLaine calls David Letterman an "asshole" during a taping of the NBC talk show *Late Night*.
October 8	A young Countess Vaughn (winner of *Star Search*) joins the cast of the NBC comedy *227* as Alexandria DeWitt, a young 11-year-old talented college student, whom the Jenkins' have as a houseguest for a year.
October 27	The last of Harding Lemay's "comeback" episodes are broadcast on the NBC soap opera *Another World*. In the final minutes of the episode, Australian actress Carmen Duncan assumed the role of the legendary bitch Iris Cory Wheeler, after the role had been vacated for many years by Beverlee McKinsey.
November 3	Talk show host Geraldo Rivera's nose is broken during a taping of his show when a fight begins on the set between guests. The theme of the episode was "Young Hate Mongers," and the fight originated between white supremacist Tom Metzger and liberal activist Roy Innis.
November 21	CBS broadcasts *Inside the Sexes*, a documentary produced by *The Body Human's* Alfred R. Kelman that features explicit content about human sexuality (including detailed visuals inside human reproductive organs), which prompts several CBS affiliates to broadcast the program with a parental warning at the beginning of the program, at a later time of the day. Some affiliates canceled their broadcast of the program.
December 8	Tichina Arnold (later of *Martin* and *Everybody Hates Chris* fame) joins the cast of the ABC soap opera *Ryan's Hope* for what will prove to be its final season.
December 26	*The Young and the Restless* becomes the number 1 daytime drama on television, a title it holds to this very day.[3]

Programs[edit]

- *20/20* (1978–present)

- *21 Jump Street* (1987-1992)
- *60 Minutes* (1968–present)
- *227* (1985–1990)
- *A Different World* (1987–1993)
- *ABC World News* (1978–present)
- *ALF* (1986–1990)
- *All My Children* (1970–2011)
- *Amen* (1986–1991)
- *America This Morning* (1982–present)
- *America Undercover* (1983–present)
- *American Bandstand* (1952–1989)
- *American Masters* (1983–present)
- *Another World* (1964–1999)
- *As the World Turns* (1956–2010)
- *Cagney & Lacey* (1982–1988)
- *Candid Camera* (1948–2004)
- *CBS News Sunday Morning* (1979–present)
- *Cheers* (1982–1993)
- *College Basketball on CBS* (1981–present)
- *Dallas* (1978–1991)
- *Days of Our Lives* (1965–present)
- *Derrick* (1974–1998)
- *Designing Women* (1986–1993)
- *Double Dare* (1986–1993)

- *Duet* (1987-1989)
- *Dynasty* (1981–1989)
- *Entertainment Tonight* (1981–present)
- *Face the Nation* (1954–present)
- *Falcon Crest* (1981–1990)
- *Family Ties* (1982–1989)
- *Frontline* (1983–present)
- *Full House* (1987–1995)
- *General Hospital* (1963–present)
- *Good Morning America* (1975–present)
- *Growing Pains* (1985–1992)
- *Guiding Light* (1952–2009)
- *Hallmark Hall of Fame* (1951–present)
- *Hee Haw* (1969–1993)
- *Highway to Heaven* (1984–1989)
- *Hotel* (1983–1988)
- *It's a Living* (1980–1982, 1985–1989)
- *Jem* (1985–1988)
- *Jeopardy!* (1964–1975, 1984–present)
- *Kate and Allie* (1984–1989)
- *Knots Landing* (1979–1993)
- *L.A. Law* (1986–1994)
- *Late Night with David Letterman* (1982–1993)
- *Lingo* (1987–1988, 2002–2007, 2011)

- *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (1980–present)
- *Loving* (1983–1995)
- *MacGyver* (1985–1992)
- *Magnum, P.I.* (1980–1988)
- *Mama's Family* (1983–1984, 1986–1990)
- *Married... with Children* (1987–1997)
- *Masterpiece Theatre* (1971–present)
- *Max Headroom* (1987–1998)
- *Matlock* (1986–1996)
- *Meet the Press* (1947–present)
- *Miami Vice* (1984–1989)
- *Monday Night Football* (1970–present)
- *Moonlighting* (1985–1989)
- *Mr. Belvedere* (1985–1990)
- *Muppet Babies* (1984–1991)
- *Murder, She Wrote* (1984–1996)
- *Mystery!* (1980–present)
- *Nature* (1982–present)
- *NBC Nightly News* (1970–present)
- *Newhart* (1982–1990)
- *Night Court* (1984–1992)
- *Nightline* (1979–present)
- *Nova* (1974–present)
- *One Life to Live* (1968–present)

- *Pee-wee's Playhouse* (1986–1991)
- *Perfect Strangers* (1986–1993)
- *Punky Brewster* (1984–1988)
- *Ryan's Hope* (1975–1989)
- *Sally* (1985–2002)
- *Santa Barbara* (1984–1993)
- *Saturday Night Live* (1975–present)
- *Sesame Street* (1969–present)
- *Soul Train* (1971–2006)
- *SportsCenter* (1979–present)
- *St. Elsewhere* (1982–1988)
- *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (1987–1994)
- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1987–1996)
- *The Bold and the Beautiful* (1987–present)
- *The Cosby Show* (1984–1992)
- *The Disney Sunday Movie* (1986–1988) retooled as *The Magical World of Disney* (1988–1990) on October 9
- *The Golden Girls* (1985–1992)
- *The McNeil/Leather Newshour* (1975–present)
- *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (1986–2011)
- *The Price Is Right* (1972–present)
- *The Today Show* (1952–present)
- *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* (1962–1992)
- *The Tracey Ullman Show* (1987–1990)
- *The Twilight Zone* (1985–1988)

- *The Young and the Restless* (1973–present)
- *thirtysomething* (1987–1991)
- *This Old House* (1979–present)
- *This Week* (1981–present)
- *This Week in Baseball* (1977–1998, 2000–present)
- *Truth or Consequences* (1950–1988)
- *Unsolved Mysteries* (1987–1998, 2001–2002, 2008–2010)
- *Webster* (1983–1989)
- *What's Happening Now!!* (1985–1988)
- *Wheel of Fortune*, daytime version (1975–1991)
- *Who's the Boss?* (1984–1992)
- *Wide World of Sports* (1961–1997)

Debuting this year[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 1988.

Date	Show	Channel
January 2	*High Mountain Rangers*	CBS
January 4	*Blackout*	
January 17	*The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh*	Disney Channel
January 19	*48 Hours*	CBS
January 31	*The Wonder Years*	ABC
February 7	*America's Most Wanted*	Fox

February 29	*Day by Day*	NBC
March 6	*In the Heat of the Night*	NBC
March 6	*Supercarrier*	ABC
March 7	*Probe*	ABC
March 9	*Aaron's Way*	NBC
March 14	*Eisenhower and Lutz*	CBS
March 15	*Coming of Age*	CBS
March 15	*Trial and Error*	CBS
April 1	*Denver, the Last Dinosaur*	Syndication
April 6	*Just in Time*	ABC
April 26	*China Beach*	ABC
April 26	*Just the Ten of Us*	ABC
August 6	*Yo! MTV Raps*	MTV
September 5	*Fun House*	Syndication

	Relatively Speaking	
September 10	*A Pup Named Scooby-Doo*	ABC
	Alf Tales	NBC
	Baby Boom	
	The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley	
	Police Academy	Syndication
September 12	*Wipeout*	
September 17	*Garfield and Friends*	CBS
	Hey Vern, It's Ernest!	
	Superman	
September 19	*Dirk Niblick of the Math Brigade* from *Square One TV*	PBS
	C.O.P.S.	Syndication
October 1	*Monsters*	
October 2	*Marvel Action Universe*	
October 4	*The American Experience*	PBS

	High Risk	CBS
October 6	*Dear John*	NBC
October 8	*Empty Nest*	NBC
October 8	*The Adventures of Superboy*	Syndication
October 8	*Freddy's Nightmares*	Syndication
October 8	*The Munsters Today*	Syndication
October 8	*Triple Threat*	Syndication
October 10	*War of the Worlds*	Syndication
October 18	*Roseanne*	ABC
October 21	*Something Is Out There*	NBC
October 23	*Mission: Impossible*	ABC
October 25	*Midnight Caller*	NBC
October 26	*Tattingers*	NBC
October 26	*Annie McGuire*	CBS

	The Van Dyke Show	
October 27	*Paradise*	
October 29	*Dirty Dancing*	
November 2	*Murphy's Law*	ABC
November 11	*Knightwatch*	
November 14	*Murphy Brown*	CBS
November 23	*Raising Miranda*	
November 24	*Mystery Science Theater 3000*	KTMA-TV
November 27	*Almost Grown*	CBS
November 29	*TV 101*	
November 30	*Good Morning, Miss Bliss*	Disney Channel

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New/Same network	Return date
Family Feud	1985	ABC	CBS	July 4
The Gong Show	1980	Syndication	Same	September 12

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 2	*Sable*	1987
January 8	*I Married Dora*	1987
January 15	*Rags to Riches*	1987
February 10	*The Law & Harry McGraw*	1987
February 11	*The Charmings*	1987
February 12	*Sledge Hammer!*	1986
February 13	*Mr. President*	1987
February 20	*Women in Prison*	1987
March 8	*I'm Telling!*	1987
March 22	*Frank's Place*	1987
March 26	*What's Happening Now!!*	1985
March 28	*Yogi's Treasure Hunt*	1985
March 29	*Trial and Error*	1988

April 1	*Blackout*	
April 9	*High Mountain Rangers*	
April 12	*My Sister Sam*	1986
April 14	*Probe*	1988
April 22	*Beverly Hills Buntz*	1987
May 1	*Magnum, P.I.*	1980
	Truth or Consequences	1950
May 2	*Jem*	1985
May 3	*Hotel*	1986
May 7	*The Facts of Life*	1979
	Spenser: For Hire	1985
	Ohara	1987
May 6	*The Highwayman*	
May 8	*Our House*	1986
May 10	*Crime Story*	

	Dolly	1987
May 12	*Max Headroom*	1987
May 14	*Second Chance* (aka Boys Will Be Boys)	1987
May 16	*Cagney and Lacey*	1982
May 25	*St. Elsewhere*	1982
May 25	*Aaron's Way*	1988
May 27	*Punky Brewster*	1984
May 28	*Marblehead Manor*	1987
June 8	*The Slap Maxwell Story*	1987
June 10	*Houston Knights*	1987
June 20	*Eisenhower and Lutz*	1988
June 28	*J.J. Starbuck*	1987
June 29	*The Bronx Zoo*	1987
July 23	*Solid Gold*	1980
July 23	*Tales from the Darkside*	1984

August 1	*CBN Cable Network*	1981
August 21	*Werewolf*	1987
September 3	*We Got It Made*	1983
	Dennis the Menace	1986
	The Flintstone Kids	
October 22	*Mighty Mouse: The New Adventures*	1987
October 28	*The Late Show*	1986
November 22	*Denver, the Last Dinosaur*	1988
December 3	*The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley*	
December 7	*The Van Dyke Show*	
December 9	*Something Is Out There*	
December 17	*Superman*	
December 24	*Hey Vern, It's Ernest!*	
December 25	*The Care Bears*	1985
December 28	*Annie McGuire*	1988

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere date	Notes
The Attic: The Hiding of Anne Frank	CBS	April 17	
Case Closed	CBS	April 9	
David	ABC	October 28	
Inherit the Wind	NBC	March 20	Emmy Award winner
Jack the Ripper	CBS	October 21	
Lincoln	NBC	March 27	Miniseries, based on Gore Vidal's novel
The Murder of Mary Phagan	NBC	January 24	Emmy Award winner
The Taking of Flight 847: The Uli Derickson Story	NBC	May 2	
War and Remembrance	ABC	November 13	Miniseries; sequel to *The Winds of War*

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 7	Haley Bennett	Actress and singer

January 12	Andrew Lawrence	Actor (*Brotherly Love*)
January 22	Nick Palatas	Actor
January 28	Alexandra Krosney	Actress (*Last Man Standing*)
January 30	Rob Pinkston	Actor (*Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*)
February 6	Bailey Hanks	Actress and singer
	Brittany Drisdelle	Actress (*Tales from the Neverending Story*, *Mental Block*)
February 8	Ryan Pinkston	Actor (*Quintuplets*, *Tower Prep*)
February 10	Jade Ramsey	English actress (*House of Anubis*)
February 15	Jessica De Gouw	Australian actress (*Dracula*)
	Tara Holt	Actress
February 18	Maiara Walsh	Actress (*Cory in the House*)
	Sarah Sutherland	Actress (*Veep*)
March 1	Katija Pevec	Actress (*Just for Kicks*)
March 22	Tania Raymonde	Actress (*Lost*, *Death Valley*)
March 24	Finn Jones	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)

March 27	Brenda Song	Actress (*The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, *The Suite Life on Deck*)
	Holliday Grainger	English actress (*Where the Heart Is*, *The Borgias*)
April 2	Francesca Catalano	Actress (*Just for Kicks*)
April 10	Haley Joel Osment	Actor (*The Jeff Foxworthy Show*)
April 13	Allison Williams	Actress (*Girls*) and singer
April 14	Chris Wood	Actor (*The Vampire Diaries*, *Containment*)
April 21	Christoph Sanders	Actor (*Ghost Whisperer*, *Last Man Standing*)
	Robbie Amell	Actor (*True Jackson, VP*)
April 23	Carla Quevedo	Argentine actress (*Show Me a Hero*)
April 25	Sara Paxton	Actress (*Darcy's Wild Life*) and singer
April 30	Ana de Armas	Cuban actress (*The Boarding School*)
May 1	Nicholas Braun	Actor (*10 Things I Hate About You*)
May 5	Brooke Hogan	Actress (*Hogan Knows Best*)
May 14	Tara Thompson	Actress (*The Mountain*)

May 17	Nikki Reed	Actress
May 24	Kimberley Crossman	New Zealand-born actress
June 2	Amber Marshall	Canadian actress
June 9	Mae Whitman	Actress (*Arrested Development*, *Parenthood*)
June 11	Claire Holt	Actress (*H2O: Just Add Water*, *The Vampire Diaries*, *The Originals*, *Aquarius*)
June 12	Cody Horn	Actress
June 20	Shefali Chowdhury	Actress (*Harry Potter*)
June 22	Portia Doubleday	Actress (*Mr. Sunshine*, *Mr. Robot*)
June 27	Alanna Masterson	Actress (*The Young and the Restless*, *First Day*, *The Walking Dead*)
June 30	Sean Marquette	Voice actor (Mac on *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends*)
July 1	Evan Ellingson	Actor (*Complete Savages CSI: Miami*)
July 6	Brittany Underwood	Actress (*One Life to Live*, *Hollywood Heights*) and singer
July 13	Colton Haynes	Actor (*Teen Wolf*, *Arrow*)

	Steven R. McQueen	Actor (*The Vampire Diaries*, *Chicago Fire*)
July 15	Aimee Carrero	Dominican actress (*Level Up*, *Young & Hungry*)
July 20	Julianne Hough	Singer and actress (*Dancing with the Stars*)
July 30	Nico Tortorella	Actor (*Make It or Break It*, *Younger*)
August 1	Sasha Jackson	British actress
August 12	Leah Pipes	Actress (*Life is Wild*, *The Deep End*, *The Originals*) and singer
August 16	Kevin G. Schmidt	Actor (*Unnatural History*)
	Rumer Willis	Actress and daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore
August 23	Kim Matula	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*)
August 24	Rupert Grint	English actor
August 26	Danielle Savre	Actress (*Kaya*)
	Evan Ross	Actor
August 27	Alexa Vega	Actress (*Life's Work*, *Ladies Man*, *Ruby & the Rockits*) and singer
September 1	Vaneza Pitynski	Actress (*The Brothers Garcia*)
September	Chloe Dykstra	Actress

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	Chelsea Kane	Actress (*Jonas*, *Fish Hooks*, *Baby Daddy*) and singer
September 19	Katrina Bowden	Actress (*30 Rock*, *Public Morals*)
September 24	Kyle Sullivan	Actor (*The War at Home*)
September 25	Zena Grey	Actress
October 1	Cariba Heine	Actress (*H2O: Just Add Water*)
October 3	Alicia Vikander	Actress (*Second Avenue*)
	Tadhg Kelly	Actor (*Unfabulous*)
October 4	Melissa Benoist	Actress (*Glee*, *Supergirl*) and singer
October 5	Bobby Edner	Actor
October 14	MacKenzie Mauzy	Actress (*Guiding Light*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Forever*)
October 20	Rose McIver	Actress (*Power Rangers RPM*, *iZombie*)
October 21	Glen Powell	Actor (*Scream Queens*)
October 28	Devon Murray	Actor (*Harry Potter*)

October 29	Cherilyn Wilson	Actress (*I Heart Vampires*, *Greetings from Home*)
October 30	Janel Parrish	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*)
November 6	Emma Stone	Actress (*Drive*)
November 7	Reid Ewing	Actor (*Modern Family*)
November 8	Jessica Lowndes	Actress (*90210*) and singer
November 9	Nikki Blonsky	Actress (*Huge*) and singer
November 11	Alexandra Kyle	Actress
November 26	Tamsin Egerton	English actress (*Camelot*)
November 27	Jessica Grace Smith	New Zealand actress (*Home and Away*)
November 28	Scarlett Pomers	Actress (*Reba*)
November 30	Rebecca Rittenhouse	Actress (*Red Band Society*, *Blood & Oil*)
December 2	Alfred Enoch	Actor (*Harry Potter*, *How to Get Away With Murder*)
December 11	Ashley Hinshaw	Actress and model

December 14	Vanessa Hudgens	Actress (*High School Musical*) and singer
December 15	Emily Head	English actress (*The Inbetweeners*)
December 16	Anna Popplewell	English actress (*Reign*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 1	Heather O'Rourke	12	Actress (*Poltergeist*, *Happy Days*)
March 10	Andy Gibb	30	Singer (*Solid Gold*)
April 5	Alf Kjellin	68	Actor and director
May 15	Andrew Duggan	64	Character actor (*Lancer*)
May 18	Daws Butler	71	Voice actor (*The Jetsons*, several animated commercials)
May 27	Florida Friebus	78	Actress (*The Bob Newhart Show*, *Dobie Gillis*)
July 21	Jack Clark	62	Game show announcer (*Wheel of Fortune*)
July 25	Judith Barsi	10	Child actress
July 31	Trinidad Silva	38	Actor (Jesus Martinez on *Hill Street Blues*), in a car accident

Date	Name	Age	Notability
September 11	John Sylvester White	68	Actor (*Welcome Back, Kotter*)
September 29	Charles Addams	76	Cartoonist whose drawings inspired (*The Addams Family*)
October 11	Wayland Flowers	48	Puppeteer (*Madame's Place*)
October 31	John Houseman	86	Actor (*The Paper Chase*, *Silver Spoons*)
December 6	Timothy Patrick Murphy	29	Actor (*Dallas*)
December 12	Dick Clair	57	Comedy writer (*The Carol Burnett Show*, *The Facts of Life*)
December 20	Max Robinson	49	*ABC World News* correspondent
December 27	Jess Oppenheimer	75	Comedy writer who created (*I Love Lucy*)

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1989 in American television

The year **1989 in television** involved some significant events. This is a list of notable events in the United States.

Notable events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	Affiliation swaps in Florida: In Miami, three channels changed their network affiliation: WTVJ moves to NBC from CBS, WCIX (now WFOR-TV) moves to CBS from Fox, and WSVN moves to Fox from NBC. In West Palm Beach, WPEC-TV switches from ABC to CBS, WTVX leaves CBS to become an independent, and ABC station WPBF signs on this day. The swaps result from NBC's acquisition of WTVJ in 1987, and CBS's acquisition of WCIX in August 1988. The switches in West Palm Beach are accomplished due to WCIX's weak signal in Broward County.[1][2]
January 9	Pat Sajak quits the daytime version of the series *Wheel of Fortune* for a CBS late night talk show while remaining host of the nighttime version. His daytime hosting role will be assumed by Rolf Benirschke, then by Bob Goen when *Wheel* switches networks from NBC to CBS that July.
February 20	Jane Wyman, an actress on the CBS drama series *Falcon Crest*, is rushed to the hospital, after suffering from diabetes and a liver ailment.
	Charlie O'Donnell returned to *Wheel of Fortune* as the announcer, following a nine-year absence.
March 2	Pepsi's controversial advertisement with Madonna and her song "Like a Prayer" aired during NBC's showing of *The Cosby Show*. The same ad was run on ITV in the UK, 12 minutes into *The Bill*.
March 24	For the first time since 1973, NBC reruns the 1960 telecast of *Peter Pan*, with Mary Martin in the title role. Earlier that day, two of the network's game shows, *Sale of the Century* and *Super Password*, aired their final episodes. The following Monday, NBC will return the noon time slot to its affiliates.
March 31	The CBS game show *Card Sharks* airs its final episode. The following Monday, it is replaced by a revival of *Now You See It*.
April 8	Mike Myers joins the cast of the NBC series *Saturday Night Live*.

April 30	CNBC, NBC's answer to the Financial News Network, launched (CNBC and FNN would merge two years later).
May 11	In the series finale of the ABC drama *Dynasty*, Blake Carrington, Alexis Colby, Dex Dexter and Fallon Carrington Colby are stuck in mortal peril.
May 18	Donna Mills makes her final regular appearance as villainess Abby on the CBS drama *Knots Landing*.
July 1	In Rochester, New York, NBC affiliate WROC-TV and CBS affiliate WHEC-TV swap affiliations. NBC cites WROC-TV's struggling news ratings as the reason for the switch.[3]
July 14	The CBS game show *Now You See It*, which had suffered from constant preemptions by network affiliates, airs its final episode. The following Monday, *Wheel of Fortune*, which had been cancelled by NBC on June 30, takes its place.
August 14	Cliff and Nina Warner marry one another for the fourth (and seemingly final) time on the ABC soap opera *All My Children*, a record that has not been matched for soap operas.
September 4	The Family Channel debuts its children programming block *Fun Town*.
September 22	ABC debuts TGIF from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, a new programming block for Friday nights with four shows (*Full House*, *Family Matters*, *Perfect Strangers*, and *Just the Ten of Us*), it also includes interstitial hosts. This block would become a rating hit throughout the 1990s, lasting until 2000.
September 30	NBC broadcasts its final *Major League Baseball Game of the Week* (before the program is transferred to CBS). Bob Costas and Tony Kubek called the action from Toronto's SkyDome, as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles to clinch the American League Eastern Division title.

October 1	NBC affiliate KPOM-TV (now KFTA-TV) in Fort Smith, Arkansas signs-on full-time satellite KFAA-TV (now KNWA-TV) in Rogers to solve transmission problems resulting from its status as an UHF station in a mountainous area. (KFTA-TV will disaffiliate from NBC and join Fox in 2006.)
October 6	Jane Wyman's medical leave due to her diabetes and liver aliment is written into *Falcon Crest*, when her character, Angela Channing, is put in a coma.
October 17	Four minutes into ABC's broadcast of Game 3 of the World Series, the Lome Prieta earthquake occurred, forcing a ten-day delay of the series.
November 15	*The Comedy Channel* debuted (become Comedy Central two years later).
December 18	A seldom-seen 1956 Christmas special episode of *I Love Lucy* is re-broadcast by CBS.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 1989.

Date	Show	Channel
January 3	*The Arsenio Hall Show*	Syndication
January 9	*Inside Edition*	
	The Pat Sajak Show	CBS
January 18	*A Fine Romance*	ABC
January 21	*Nightingales*	NBC

January 23	*Couch Potatoes*	Syndication
January 29	*Shining Time Station*	PBS
February 28	*Coach*	ABC
March 1	*Hard Time on Planet Earth*	CBS
March 4	*Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers*	Disney Channel
March 7	*Anything but Love*	ABC
March 11	*COPS*	Fox
March 25	*Men*	ABC
March 26	*Quantum Leap*	NBC
March 27	*Generations*	NBC
April 14	*The Jim Henson Hour*	NBC
April 18	*Rescue 911*	CBS
June 4	*McGee and Me!*	Syndication
June 10	*Tales from the Crypt*	HBO
July 5	*Seinfeld*	NBC

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<tr><td>The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!</td><td rowspan="2">Syndication</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="3">September 9</td><td>Captain N: The Game Master</td><td rowspan="2">NBC</td></tr>
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September 13	*Wolf*	CBS
September 16	*The California Raisin Show*	
	Dink, the Little Dinosaur	
	Island Son	
	Rude Dog & the Dweebs	
	American Gladiators	Syndication
	Ring Raiders	
	Camp Candy	NBC
September 17	*Sister Kate*	
September 18	*Alien Nation*	Fox
	Hard Copy	Syndication
	The Famous Teddy Z	CBS
	Major Dad	
	The People Next Door	
September	*Top of the Hill*	

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	A Peaceable Kingdom	
	Doogie Howser, M.D.	ABC
	The Young Riders	
	The Nutt House	NBC
September 22	*Baywatch*	
	Hardball	
	Family Matters	ABC
	Free Spirit	
	Snoops	CBS
September 23	*Saturday Night with Connie Chung*	
September 24	*Booker*	Fox
	Homeroom	ABC
October 13	*Mancuso, F.B.I.*	NBC
November 26	*America's Funniest Home Videos*	ABC

December 17	*The Simpsons*	Fox
December 18	*First Business*	Syndication

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Retitled as	New network	Returning date
The Mickey Mouse Club	1979	Syndication	The All-New Mickey Mouse Club	Disney Channel	April 24

Ending this year[edit]

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<tr><td>January 7</td><td>ALF: The Animated Series</td><td>1987</td></tr>
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<tr><td>February 20</td><td>Almost Grown</td><td>1988</td></tr>
<tr><td>March 9</td><td>Webster</td><td>1983</td></tr>
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March 10	*Finders Keepers*	1987
March 18	*It's a Living*	1985
	Murphy's Law	1988
March 19	*Creepy Crawlies*	1987
March 24	*Sale of the Century*	1983
	Super Password	1984
March 25	*TV 101*	1988
March 31	*Card Sharks*	1986
April 1	*She's the Sheriff*	1987
April 14	*Unsub*	1989
April 26	*Nightingales*	
May 7	*Duet*	
May 11	*Dynasty*	1981
May 14	*Family Ties*	1982
	Moonlighting	1985

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<tr><td>July 27</td><td>The Cavanaughs</td><td>1986</td></tr>
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<tr><td>August 4</td><td>Highway to Heaven</td><td>1984</td></tr>
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October 7	*American Bandstand*	1952
October 16	*The People Next Door*	1989
October 25	*The Nutt House*	
November 7	*Chicken Soup*	
November 15	*A Peaceable Kingdom*	
November 30	*The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!*	
	Top of the Hill	
December 1	*The Legend of Zelda*	
December 2	*The Smurfs*	1981
December 9	*The California Raisin Show*	1989
December 16	*The Karate Kid*	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Fun House	first-run syndication	Fox
Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers	The Disney Channel	first-run syndication

Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears	NBC	ABC
Wheel of Fortune		CBS

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Date of airing
Mike Hammer: Murder Takes All	CBS	May 21

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 3	Alex D. Linz	Actor (*The Wacky Adventures of Ronald McDonald*)
January 9	Nina Dobrev	Actress (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
January 10	Emily Meade	Actress (*The Leftovers*)
January 16	Yvonne Zima	Actress (*ER*, *The Young and the Restless*)
January 27	Brooke Butler	Actress
February 3	Ryne Sanborn	Actor (*High School Musical*)
February 5	Jeremy Sumpter	Actor (*Clubhouse*, *Friday Night Lights*)
February 16	Elizabeth Olsen	Actress (*The Adventures of Mary-Kate & Ashley*)

February 17	Chord Overstreet	Actor and singer (*Private*, *Glee*)
February 21	Corbin Bleu	Actor (*Flight 29 Down*, *High School Musical*)
	Kristin Herrera	Actress (*Zoey 101*)
	Scout Taylor-Compton	Actress (*Charmed*)
February 24	Trace Cyrus	American musician
February 25	Abby Wilde	Actress (*Zoey 101*)
March 1	Daniella Monet	Actress (*Victorious*)
March 5	Sterling Knight	Actor (*Sonny with a Chance*, *So Random!*)
March 11	Anton Yelchin	Russian actor (*Huff*) (d. 2016)
March 15	Caitlin Wachs	Actress (*Profiler*, *Family Affair*, *Commander in Chief*)
March 17	Mason Musso	American musician and singer
March 18	Lily Collins	Actress and daughter of Phil Collins
March 25	Aly Michalka	Actress (*Phil of the Future*, *Hellcats*)
April 5	Lily James	English actress (*Downton Abbey*)
April 11	Eka Darville	Australian actor (*Power Rangers R.P.M.*)

April 8	Gabriella Wilde	English actress
April 18	Alia Shawkat	Actress (*Arrested Development*)
April 30	Milo Cawthorne	New Zealand actor (*Power Rangers R.P.M.*)
May 5	Chris Brown	Singer, actor
May 8	Nora Arnezeder	French actress (*Zoo*)
May 10	Lindsey Shaw	Actress (*Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*, *Pretty Little Liars*)
May 17	Olivia Luccardi	Actress (*Orange is the New Black*)
May 19	Gaelan Connell	Actor (*Level Up*)
May 29	Brandon Mychal Smith	Actor (*Sonny with a Chance*, *So Random!*)
	Riley Keough	Actress (*The Girlfriend Experience*) and granddaughter of Elvis Presley
May 30	Kevin Covais	Actor
June 3	Imogen Poots	English actress and singer (*Roadies*)
June 9	Logan Browning	Actress (*Meet the Browns*, *Pair of Kings*)
June 14	Lucy Hale	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*)

June 18	Renee Olstead	Actress (*Still Standing*, *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*)
June 25	Chris Brochu	Actor (*The Vampire Diaries*)
July 1	Hannah Murray	British actress (*Game of Thrones*) and singer
July 11	David Henrie	Actor (*That's So Raven*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Wizards of Waverly Place*)
July 12	Phoebe Tonkin	Australian actress (*The Secret Circle*, *The Originals*)
July 14	Sean Flynn	Actor (*Zoey 101*)
July 21	Juno Temple	English actress (*Vinyl*)
	Rory Culkin	Actor
July 22	Keegan Allen	Actor (*Pretty Little Liars*)
July 23	Daniel Radcliffe	English actor
July 25	Andrew Caldwell	Voice actor (*Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja*)
	Noel Callahan	Actor (*Romeo!*)
July 31	Alexis Knapp	Actress (*Ground Floor*)
	Jessica Williams	Actress (*Just for Kicks*)
	Marshall Williams	Canadian actor

August 8	Ken Baumann	Actor (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*)
August 9	Meredith Deane	Actress (*Once and Again*)
August 15	Carlos Pena Jr.	Actor (*Big Time Rush*) and singer
	Joe Jonas	Actor (*Jonas*) and singer (Jonas Brothers)
August 19	Romeo Miller	Actor (*Romeo!*) and rapper
August 21	Hayden Panettiere	Actress (*Heroes*, *Nashville*)
August 23	Breanna Conrad	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*)
September 14	Jessica Brown Findlay	English actress (*Downton Abbey*)
	Logan Henderson	Actor (*Big Time Rush*) and singer
September 18	Lexie Contursi	Actress (*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*)
September 25	Jordan Gavaris	Canadian actor (*Unnatural History*)
September 26	Emma Rigby	English actress (*Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*)
October 1	Brie Larson	Actress (*United States of Tara*)

October 4	Dakota Johnson	Actress (*Ben and Kate*) and daughter of Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith
October 10	Aimee Teegarden	Actress (*Friday Night Lights*, *Aim High*, *Star-Crossed*)
October 13	Skyler Page	Voice actor (*Clarence*)
October 14	Mia Wasikowska	Australian actress (*In Treatment*)
October 16	Jack Salvatore, Jr.	Actor (*Zoey 101*)
October 24	Eliza Taylor	Australian actress (*The 100*)
	Shenae Grimes	Canadian actress (*90210*)
November 2	Katelyn Tarver	Actress (*Big Time Rush*, *No Ordinary Family*)
November 20	Cody Linley	Actor (*Hannah Montana*)
November 22	Alden Ehrenreich	Actor
November 30	Adelaide Clemens	Australian actress (*Rectify*)
December 13	Taylor Swift	Singer and actress (*Saturday Night Live*)
December 18	Ashley Benson	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*)

December 22	Jordin Sparks	Singer (*American Idol*) and actress
December 28	Mackenzie Rosman	Actress (*7th Heaven*)
December 29	Jane Levy	Actress (*Suburgatory*)
December 30	Ryan Sheckler	Actor (*Life of Ryan*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 5	Joe Raposo	51	Composer (*Sesame Street*, *The Electric Company*, *Three's Company* theme song)
February 11	George O'Hanlon	65	Voice actor (*The Jetsons*)
April 26	Lucille Ball	77	Actress, comedian (of the Lucy shows *I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy Show*, *Here's Lucy*)
April 30	Guy Williams	65	Actor (*Zorro*, *Lost in Space*)
May 1	Douglass Watson	68	Soap opera actor (Mac on *Another World*)
May 20	Gilda Radner	42	Actress, comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
July 3	Jim Backus	76	Actor (Thurston Howell III on *Gilligan's Island* and voice

Date	Name	Age	Notability
			of Mr. Magoo)
July 4	Vic Perrin	73	Voice actor (the original Control Voice on *The Outer Limits*, Hanna-Barbera cartoons)
July 10	Mel Blanc	81	Voice actor (as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and countless other characters)
July 18	Rebecca Schaeffer	21	Actress (*My Sister Sam*)
September 17	Jay Stewart	71	Announcer (*Let's Make a Deal*, *Sale of the Century*, *Scrabble*)
October 6	Bette Davis	81	film and television actress

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1990 in American television

The year **1990 in American television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of American television-related events during 1990.

Notable events[edit]

Date	Event

January 2	*All My Children* broadcasts its 20th anniversary special on ABC. Joe and Ruth Martin sit down with Erica Kane, her mother Mona, and Phoebe Wallingford as they go through scrapbook pictures which segue into memorable clips from the series's past twenty years.
January 14	*The Simpsons* airs their first regular episode, *Bart the Genius*.
January 15	*Square One TV* returns for its third season on PBS.
January 21	*MTV Unplugged* premieres on MTV with Squeeze as its debut guests.
February 17	On NBC, Aerosmith appear in *Wayne's World*, a recurring sketch on *Saturday Night Live*, where they perform the *Wayne's World* theme song.
March 13	*All My Children* actress Debbi Morgan quits the role of Angie Baxter Hubbard.
April 1	CBS dismisses prominent sportscaster Brent Musburger one day before his final assignment for the network, the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. Musburger would sign with ABC Sports later that year.
	Debut of comedy TV network *Ha!*.
April 21	*Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue*, a special program warning children about the danger of drugs and featuring characters from several Saturday morning children's shows, is simultaneously simulcast by ABC, BET, CBS, Fox, NBC, USA Network, and Nickelodeon.
April 22	*The Earth Day Special*, a two-hour commercial-free special event premiered on ABC.
April 30	The long-lost pilot show for *I Love Lucy* is broadcast by CBS as a special.

May 25	CBS began broadcasting its daytime lineup in stereo sound; the last of the three major networks to do so.
June 7	The *Cruise of Deception* storyline is broadcast on the NBC soap opera *Days of Our Lives*.
June 27	Genie Francis, in an attempt to shed her image as Laura Spencer, started playing Irishwoman Ceara Connor on *All My Children*.
July 16	Radio DJ personality Rick Dees debuts an ABC late-night talk show, *Into the Night, Starring Rick Dees*.
July 30	MovieTime was rebranded as E!.
September 8	Fox Kids, a children's programming block, debuts on Fox.
September 10	The Disney Afternoon debuts as a syndicated children's block.
September 15	CBN renames itself The Family Channel.
October 1	TBS drops the "SuperStation" sub-title. It would return 6 years later.
October 13	WLAJ in Jackson, Michigan signs-on the air, giving the Lansing market its first full-time ABC affiliate.
November 3	*The NBA on NBC* debuts, with its first game being the Los Angeles Lakers visiting the San Antonio Spurs.
November 10	Chris Farley, Tim Meadows, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler, Rob Schneider and Julia Sweeney join the cast of *Saturday Night Live*.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 1990.

Date	Show	Channel
February 6	*Rodeo Drive*	Lifetime
February 9	*The Bradys*	CBS
March 1	*Carol & Company*	NBC
April 8	*Twin Peaks*	ABC
April 14	*In Living Color*	Fox
April 19	*Wings*	NBC
May 5	*TaleSpin*	Disney Channel
June 16	*Monopoly*	ABC
July 7	*Dream On*	HBO
July 12	*Northern Exposure*	CBS
July 16	*Match Game*	ABC
July 29	*Tim Conway's Funny America*	
August 20	*Parenthood*	NBC

August 22	*Working It Out*	
August 23	*Ferris Bueller*	
August 27	*Guys Next Door*	
September 1	*Midnight Patrol: Adventures in the Dream Zone*	Syndication
	Haywire	Fox
September 2	*Parker Lewis Can't Lose*	
September 3	*The Challengers*	Syndication
September 4	*Barnyard Commandos*	
September 7	*DEA*	Fox
September 8	*American Chronicles*	Fox Kids
	Attack of the Killer Tomatoes	
	Bobby's World	
	Peter Pan and the Pirates	
	Tom & Jerry Kids	

	Zazoo U	
	America's Funniest People	ABC
	New Kids on the Block	ABC
	The Wizard of Oz	ABC
	The Adventures of Super Mario Bros. 3	NBC
	The Fanelli Boys	NBC
	Gravedale High	NBC
	Kid 'n Play	NBC
September 10	*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*	NBC
September 10	*Lenny*	CBS
September 10	*Uncle Buck*	Syndication
September 10	*The New Adventures of He-Man*	Syndication
September 10	*Quiz Kids Challenge*	Syndication
September 10	*Trump Card*	Syndication
September 11	*The Family Man*	Syndication

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<tr><td>September 14</td><td>Tiny Toon Adventures</td><td>Syndication</td></tr>
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September 23	*Against the Law*	Fox
	Dream On	HBO
September 24	*Adam-12*	Syndication
September 26	*Cop Rock*	ABC
September 29	*Widget the World Watcher*	Syndication
October 1	*America Tonight*	CBS
October 4	*Beverly Hills, 90210*	Fox
October 24	*WIOU*	CBS
October 27	*NBA Inside Stuff*	NBC
October 31	*Swamp Thing*	Fox
November 2	*Over My Dead Body*	CBS
November 3	*NBA on NBC*	NBC

Network changes[edit]

The following shows aired new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes:

Show	Moved from	Moved to
TaleSpin	The Disney	Syndication

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Ending[edit]

Date	Show	Debu

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January 14	*Free Spirit*	1989
January 21	*Fantastic Max*	1988
February 24	*Mission: Impossible*	
March 9	*The Bradys*	1990
March 12	*Mama's Family*	1983
March 23	*Scrabble* (returned in 1993)	1984
March 24	*ALF*	1986
April 6	*Baywatch* (returned in 1991)	1989
April 13	*The Pat Sajak Show*	
April 24	*Mancuso, F.B.I.*	
April 28	*Tour of Duty*	1987
April 30	*My Two Dads*	
May 4	*Just the Ten of Us*	1988
May 6	*227*	1985

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August 4	*Beauty and the Beast*	1987
August 25	*Kissyfur*	1986
August 31	*Rodeo Drive*	1990
September 2	*Tim Conway's Funny America*	
September 15	*The CBN Family Channel*	1988
September 29	*E.A.R.T.H. Force*	1990
November 10	*Charles in Charge*	1984
	Pee-wee's Playhouse	1986
November 19	*Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers*	1989
November 28	*DuckTales* (original series)	1987
December 1	*Alvin and the Chipmunks*	1983
	The Adventures of Super Mario Bros. 3	1990
December 8	*Wiseguy*	1987
December 12	*Working It Out*	1990

December 13	*Remote Control*	1987
December 26	*Cop Rock*	1990
December 28	*Quiz Kids Challenge*	

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Title	Network	Date of airing
Murder in Mississippi	NBC	February 5
The Death of the Incredible Hulk		February 18
The Incident	CBS	March 4
A Killing in a Small Town		May 22
It	ABC	November 18 & 20

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 7	Liam Aiken	Actor
January 13	Liam Hemsworth	Australian actor (*Neighbours*, *The Elephant Princess*, *The Hunger Games*)
January 14	Grant Gustin	Actor (*The Flash*)

January 15	Chris Warren, Jr.	Actor (*High School Musical*)
January 26	Christopher Massey	Actor (*Zoey 101*)
January 30	Jake Thomas	Actor (*Lizzie McGuire*)
February 9	Camille Winbush	Actress (*The Bernie Mac Show*)
February 14	Jake Weary	Actor (*As the World Turns*, *Fred: The Show*, *Animal Kingdom*)
	Brett Dier	Canadian actor (*Ravenswood*, *Jane the Virgin*)
February 27	Lindsey Morgan	Actress (*General Hospital*, *The 100*)
February 28	Georgina Leonidas	English actress (*Harry Potter*)
March 4	Andrea Bowen	Actress (*Desperate Housewives*)
March 7	Daniel Samonas	Actor
March 13	Emory Cohen	Actor (*Smash*)
March 16	Madison Riley	Actress
March 18	Luke Tarsitano	Actor (*Fudge*)
March 24	Keisha Castle-	Australian actress (*Game of Thrones*)

	Hughes	
March 26	Carly Chaikin	Actress (*Suburgatory*, *Mr. Robot*)
March 30	Cassandra Scerbo	Actress (*Dance Revolution*, *Make It or Break It*, *Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja*)
	Allie Gonino	Actress (*The Lying Game*)
April 6	Charlie McDermott	Actor (*The Middle*)
April 9	Kristen Stewart	Actress (*The Twilight Saga*)
April 10	Alex Pettyfer	English actor
April 14	Christian Alexander	Actor (*The Lying Game*)
April 15	Emma Watson	French-English actress (*Harry Potter*)
April 18	Britt Robertson	Actress (*Swingtown*, *Life UneXpected*, *The Secret Circle*, *Under the Dome*)
April 23	Matthew Underwood	Actor (*Zoey 101*)
May 1	Caitlin Stasey	Actress (*Neighbours*)
May 2	Kay Panabaker	Actress (*Summerland*, *No Ordinary Family*)
May 16	Thomas Sangster	English actor (Ferb Fletcher on *Phineas and Ferb*, *Game of Thrones*)

May 17	Leven Rambin	Actress (*All My Children*, *Scoundrels*)
May 21	Scotty Leavenworth	Actor
May 27	Chris Colfer	Actor (*Glee*)
May 30	Dean Collins	Actor (*Jack & Bobby*, *The War at Home*)
June 10	Tristin Mays	Actress (*Gullah Gullah Island*, *Private*)
June 13	Aaron Taylor-Johnson	English actor and singer
June 28	Jasmine Richards	Canadian actress (*Naturally, Sadie*)
	Nick Purcell	Actor (*The Troop*)
July 2	Margot Robbie	Australian actress (*Pan Am*)
July 11	Connor Paolo	Actor (*Gossip Girl*, *Revenge*)
	Kelsey Sanders	Actress (*Private*) and singer
July 16	James Maslow	Actor (*Big Time Rush*) and singer
July 27	Indiana Evans	Australian actress and singer (*Snobs*, *Home and Away*, *H2O: Just Add Water*, *Crownies*, *Secrets and Lies*)
July 29	Matt Prokop	Actor
	Munro Chambers	Canadian actor (*The Latest Buzz*)

August 1	Jack O'Connell	British actor (*Skins*)
August 9	Adelaide Kane	Australian actress (*Neighbours*, *Power Rangers RPM*, *Teen Wolf*, *Reign*)
	Bill Skarsgård	Swedish actor (*Hemlock Grove*)
August 10	Lucas Till	Actor
August 15	Jennifer Lawrence	Actress (*The Bill Engvall Show*, *The Hunger Games*)
August 17	Rachel Hurd-Wood	British actress (*Home Fires*)
August 28	Katie Findlay	Canadian actress (*The Killing*, *The Carrie Diaries*, *How to Get Away with Murder*)
August 29	Nicole Gale Anderson	Actress (*Jonas*)
September 8	Ella Rae Peck	Actress (*Gossip Girl*, *Welcome to the Family*)
September 9	Haley Reinhart	Musician (*American Idol*)
September 10	Eddy Martin	Actor (*Just Jordan*)
September 15	Matt Shively	Actor (*True Jackson, VP*, *The Troop*)

September 21	Allison Scagliotti	Actress (*Drake & Josh*, *Warehouse 13*, *Stitchers*)
	Christian Serratos	Actress (*Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*, *The Walking Dead*)
September 27	Lola Kirke	English-American actress (*Mozart in the Jungle*)
September 28	Kirsten Prout	Canadian actress (*Kyle XY*, *The Lying Game*)
September 29	Doug Brochu	Actor (*Sonny with a Chance*, *So Random!*)
October 6	Scarlett Byrne	Actress (*Harry Potter*, *Falling Skies*, *The Vampire Diaries*)
October 7	Ayla Kell	Actress (*Make It or Break It*)
October 13	Bailey Noble	Actress (*First Day*, *True Blood*)
October 18	Jordan Calloway	Actor (*Unfabulous*)
October 20	Galadriel Stineman	Actress (*The Middle*)
October 22	Jonathan Lipnicki	Actor (*The Jeff Foxworthy Show*)
October 24	Kirby Bliss Blanton	Actress
October 29	Carlson Young	Actress (*As the Bell Rings*)
October 31	Lil' JJ	Actor (*Just Jordan*)

November 2	Kendall Schmidt	Actor (*Big Time Rush*) and singer
November 17	Shanica Knowles	Actress (*Hannah Montana*)
November 24	Sarah Hyland	Actress (*Modern Family*)
November 29	Diego Boneta	Mexican actor and singer (*Underemployed*, *Scream Queens*)
December 13	Emily Peachey	Actress
December 15	Rachel Brosnahan	Actress (*House of Cards*, *Manhattan*)
December 20	JoJo	American singer
December 23	Anna María Pérez de Tagle	Actress (*Hannah Montana*, *Cake*)
December 28	David Archuleta	Singer (*American Idol*), actor

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 2	Alan Hale, Jr.	68	Actor (Skipper Jonas Grumby on *Gilligan's Island*)
January 9	Northern Calloway	41	Actor (David on *Sesame Street*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 18	Rusty Hamer	42	Former child actor (*Make Room For Daddy*)
March 24	Ray Goulding	68	Comedian, half of the comedy team Bob and Ray
May 10	Susan Oliver	58	Actress (*Peyton Place*)
May 14	Franklyn Seales	37	Actor (Dexter on *Silver Spoons*)
May 16	Jim Henson	53	Puppeteer (The Muppets creator)
May 25	Vic Tayback	60	Actor (Mel Sharples on *Alice*)
June 4	Jack Gilford	82	Actor (Cracker Jack commercials)
July 7	Bill Cullen	70	Game show host (original host of *The Price Is Right*)
July 8	Howard Duff	76	Actor (*Felony Squad*)
July 30	Karl Weber	74	Actor (Arthur Tate in *Search for Tomorrow*)[1]
October 26	William S. Paley	89	Founder and longtime head of CBS
November 3	Mary Martin	76	Actress & singer (*Peter Pan*)
November 12	Eve Arden	82	Actress (*Our Miss Brooks*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
November 27	David White	74	Actor (Larry Tate on *Bewitched*)
December 2	Robert Cummings	80	Actor (*The Bob Cummings Show*)
December 28	Kiel Martin	46	Actor (Officer J.D. LaRue on *Hill Street Blues*)

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1991 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1991**.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 3	The first television sets with built-in closed-caption display are introduced in the United States.
January 14	*Wheel of Fortune* returned to NBC (but would ultimately be canceled on September 20, after a 16½ year run on daytime network television).
January 16	All major television network schedules were pre-empted by Gulf War coverage right after the evening news broadcasts. The planned broadcasts included *Seinfeld*.
February 3	After 17 years, the 1st generation CBS Special Presentation bumper is shown for the

	final time.
February 9	Tim Meadows and Adam Sandler joined the cast of *Saturday Night Live*. (Meadows stays with the show until 2000, while Sandler departs during 1995.)
March 3	In Los Angeles, California, African-American Rodney King was beaten severely by police officers after leading them on a high-speed chase and allegedly resisting arrest. A video was made by observers, and portions of the tape are broadcast repeatedly, resulting in massive rioting in the Los Angeles area.
March 16	A. Whitney Brown makes his final appearance on the program *Saturday Night Live*.
March 27	Deidre Hall returns on-screen to *Days of Our Lives* after a four-year absence in which her character, Marlena Evans is revealed to be mysteriously alive and kept hidden outside of Salem after being presumed dead in an accident nearly four years prior.
April 1	The premium movie channel Encore launches in the United States, primarily on TCI cable systems. The channel initially displayed movies from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, before eventually phasing in more recent movies by the 2000s (decade). Showtime Networks initiated Flix, a premium channel with a format identical to Encore less than a year-and-a-half later.
	CBS began broadcasting a late-night crime-investigation program entitled *Crimetime After Primetime*.
April 5	Katie Couric is designated as co-host of the *The Today Show* after substituting as host since February 1991.
April 20	The Museum of Broadcasting, now known as The Paley Center for Media, relocates into its new 17-story building, located a block from its previous location in New York City.
May 3	The final episode of *Dallas* is broadcast by CBS; it was 21 years later before it was resumed.

May 19	*Knight Rider 2000* is first televised by NBC.
May 21	Financial News Network ceases broadcasting after being bought out by CNBC.
June 1	After merging with Ha! and The Comedy Channel. CTV: The Comedy Network becomes Comedy Central. This is to avoid confusion with the Canadian broadcast network known as CTV.
July 1	Court TV (now TruTV) goes on the air.
August 11	Nickelodeon introduced its first original animated series, *Doug*, *Rugrats* and *The Ren & Stimpy Show*.
August 13	The time slot for *Full House* was moved from Friday's TGIF lineup to Tuesday nights (remaining there until its finale in 1995).
September 1	E! News debuts.
September 8	Minnie Pearl makes her final appearance on the program *Hee Haw*.
September 9–13	The 20th Anniversary week of *The Price Is Right* is celebrated during this week on CBS.
September 30	*Square One TV* returns for its fourth season.
October 13	Jennifer Lopez joins the cast as one of the Fly Girls of the series *In Living Color*. Other cast additions include future Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx and Steve Park. Shawn Wayans, the original DJ for the show, is replaced by Twist. Wayans joins the cast until the end of the next season.
November	*Michael Jackson*'s song *Black or White* was first televised by Fox. This is the

14	first Michael Jackson music video to be shown by Fox, along with other MTV Networks music channels.
November 16	Ellen Cleghorne, Melanie Hutsell and Beth Cahill join the cast of *Saturday Night Live*.
December 1	Britney Spears appears on the program *Star Search*.
December 8	Tim Russert becomes moderator of *Meet the Press* a job he possesses until his sudden death in 2008.

Programs[edit]

Debuting this year[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 5	*Blossom*	NBC
January 7	*The Party Machine with Nia Peeples*	Syndication
January 13	*Harry and the Hendersons*	
February 25	*The Pirates of Dark Water*	ABC
March 1	*Clarissa Explains it All*	Nickelodeon
	Toxic Crusaders	Fox
March 7	*Yearbook*	

March 18	*Get the Picture*	Nickelodeon
April 26	*Dinosaurs*	ABC
April 30	*The Statler Brothers Show*	The Nashville Network
May 2	*American Detective*	ABC
May 11	*Sisters*	NBC
June 2	*Liquid Television*	MTV
June 4	*C. Everett Koop, M.D.*	NBC
July 8	*Shop 'til You Drop*	Lifetime
August 11	*Doug*	Nickelodeon
	Rugrats	
	The Ren & Stimpy Show	
August 17	*Best of the Worst*	Fox
August 25	*Roc*	
August 31	*Taz-Mania*	Fox Kids
September 1	*Aeon Flux*	MTV

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<tr><td rowspan="4">September 8</td><td>Herman's Head</td><td rowspan="2">Fox</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Sunday Comics</td></tr>
<tr><td>Darkwing Duck</td><td>The Disney Channel</td></tr>
<tr><td>Bucky O'Hare and the Toad Wars</td><td rowspan="2">Syndication</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">September 9</td><td>Maury</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Adventures of Mark & Brian</td><td rowspan="6">NBC</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">September 14</td><td>Chip and Pepper</td></tr>
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	Hammerman	ABC
	Mother Goose and Grimm	CBS
	Where's Wally?: The Animated Series	
September 15	*P.S. I Luv U*	
	Eerie, Indiana	NBC
	Man of the People	
	Pacific Station	
September 16	*James Bond Jr.*	Syndication
	The Jenny Jones Show	
	The Montel Williams Show	
September 17	*Home Improvement*	ABC
September 18	*The Royal Family*	CBS
	Teech	
September 19	*Drexell's Class*	Fox
	Flesh 'n' Blood	NBC

	Reasonable Doubts	
September 20	*Brooklyn Bridge*	CBS
	Step by Step	ABC
September 21	*The Torkelsons*	NBC
September 24	*Homefront*	
September 25	*Good & Evil*	ABC
	Sibs	
September 26	*FBI: The Untold Stories*	
September 27	*Princesses*	CBS
September 28	*The Commish*	ABC
September 29	*Street Justice*	Syndication
September 30	*The Jerry Springer Show*	
	Charlie Rose	WNET
	Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego	PBS
October 4	*Beyond Reality*	Syndication

October 7	*I'll Fly Away*	NBC
October 12	*Adventures in Wonderland*	Disney Channel
October 18	*Palace Guard*	CBS

Resuming this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New network	Date of return
The $100,000 Pyramid	1988	CBS	Syndication	January 7
Beetlejuice: The Animated Series	1990	ABC	Fox Kids	September 9
Candid Camera	1988	CBS	Syndication	September 16
A Different World	1990	NBC	Same	September 19
Baywatch			Syndication	September 23

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*American Chronicles*	1990
January 5	*Haywire*	
January 19	*Zazoo U*	

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<tr><td>February 22</td><td>*Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears*</td><td>1985</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">March 8</td><td>*Tic-Tac-Dough*</td><td>1956</td></tr>
<tr><td>*The Joker's Wild*</td><td>1972</td></tr>
<tr><td>*Going Places*</td><td rowspan="5">1990</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">March 9</td><td>*Lenny*</td></tr>
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<tr><td>March 16</td><td>*Married People*</td></tr>
<tr><td>April 5</td><td>*Against the Law*</td></tr>
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April 12	*Fun House*	1988
April 26	*Hunter*	1984
April 27	*21 Jump Street*	1987
May 3	*Dallas*	1978
May 4	*Yearbook*	1991
May 8	*The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*	1987
May 11	*Swap Thing*	1990
May 17	*Midnight Caller*	1988
May 18	*The Flash*	1990
May 19	*Babes*	
May 25	*Out of This World*	1987
May 28	*thirtysomething*	
June 1	*D.E.A.*	1990
June 6	*Gabriel's Fire*	
June 10	*Twin Peaks*	

June 12	*Over My Dead Body*	
June 22	*American Dreamer*	
June 25	*Head of the Class*	1986
June 30	*C. Everett Koop, M.D.*	1991
July 14	*Lifestories*	1990
July 17	*The Family Man*	
July 20	*Carol & Company*	
	The Hogan Family	1986
July 22	*China Beach*	1988
July 27	*Amen*	1986
August 8	*TaleSpin*	1990
August 11	*Ferris Bueller*	
	Parenthood (returned in 2009)	
August 17	*A Pup Named Scooby-Doo*	1988
August 30	*The Challengers*	1990

	Hey Dude	1989
August 31	*Dink, The Little Dinosaur*	
	Kid 'n Play	1990
September 6	*Trump Card*	
September 15	*The Party Machine with Nia Peeples*	1991
September 20	*Wheel of Fortune*	1975
October 5	*The Real Ghostbusters*	1986
October 16	*Teech*	1991
October 25	*Princesses*	
October 26	*Captain N: The Game Master*	1989
	The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh	1988
October 30	*Good & Evil*	1991
November 1	*Palace Guard*	
November 2	*Muppet Babies*	1984
November 6	*Mathman* from *Square One TV*	1987

November 15	*Flesh 'n' Blood*	1991
November 16	*Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventures*	1990
November 23	*Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*	
November 30	*Little Shop*	1991
December 2	*Peter Pan and the Pirates*	1990
December 6	*Beetlejuice*	1989
	Get the Picture	1991
December 7	*Wish Kid*	
	Yo Yogi!	
December 8	*The Adventures of Don Coyote and Sancho Panda*	1990
December 14	*Where's Wally?: The Animated Series*	1991

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Channel	Premiere
Sarah, Plain and Tall	CBS	February 3

Title	Channel	Premiere
The Josephine Baker Story	HBO	March 16
Separate but Equal	ABC	April 7
Switched at Birth	NBC	April 28
Knight Rider 2000		May 19
C. Everett Koop, M.D.		June 4
A Woman Named Jackie		October 13

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 4	Olivia Tennet	New Zealand actress (*Power Rangers RPM*)
January 19	Erin Sanders	Actress (*Zoey 101*, *Big Time Rush*)
January 20	Ciara Hanna	Actress (*Power Rangers Megaforce*)
January 28	Calum Worthy	Canadian actor (*Austin & Ally*)
February 3	Glenn McCuen	Actor (*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*)
February 10	Emma Roberts	Actress (*Unfabulous*, *Scream Queens*) and daughter of Eric

		Roberts
February 16	Micah Stephen Williams	Actor (*Good Luck Charlie*)
February 17	Ed Sheeran	English singer
February 18	Malese Jow	Actress (*Unfabulous*, *The Vampire Diaries*), singer
March 5	Hanna Mangan-Lawrence	Australian actress (*Bed of Roses*)
March 8	Devon Werkheiser	Actor (*Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*)
March 19	Garrett Clayton	Actor, singer and dancer
March 25	Seychelle Gabriel	Actress (*Falling Skies*)
March 28	Amy Bruckner	Actress (*Phil of the Future*)
March 29	Hayley McFarland	Actress (*Lie to Me*)
April 3	Hayley Kiyoko	Actress, singer, musician and dancer
April 4	Jamie Lynn Spears	Actress (*Zoey 101*)
April 10	AJ Michalka	Actress (*The Goldbergs*), singer and guitarist
April 21	Frank Dillane	English actor (*Fear the Walking Dead*)
April 28	Aleisha Allen	Actress (*Blue's Clues*)

May 1	Creagen Dow	Actress
May 12	Jennifer Damiano	Actress and singer
May 17	Daniel Curtis Lee	Actor (*Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*, *Zeke and Luther*)
May 21	Sarah Ramos	Actress (*American Dreams*, *Parenthood*)
May 26	Julianna Rose Mauriello	Actress (*LazyTown*)
May 29	Kristen Alderson	Actress (*One Life to Live*)
June 4	Jordan Hinson	Actress (*Eureka*)
June 12	Louisa Gummer	American model
June 18	Willa Holland	Actress (*The O.C.*)
June 24	Max Ehrich	Actor (*The Young and the Restless*, *100 Things to Do Before High School*)
June 27	Madylin Sweeten	Actress (Ally on *Everybody Loves Raymond*)
June 29	Addison Timlin	Actress
July 5	Jason Dolley	Actor (*Complete Savages*, *Cory in the House*, *Good Luck Charlie*), musician

July 9	Mitchel Musso	Actor (*Hannah Montana*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *Pair of Kings*)
July 12	Erik Per Sullivan	Actor (*Malcolm in the Middle*)
July 15	Emily Roeske	Actress (*Halloweentown*)
July 16	Alexandra Shipp	Actress (*House of Anubis*)
July 24	Emily Bett Rickards	Actress (*Arrow*)
July 29	Maestro Harrell	Actor (*Guys Like Us*, *The Wire*, *Suburgatory*)
	Miki Ishikawa	Actress (*Zoey 101*)
August 2	Skyler Day	Actress (*Gigantic*, *Parenthood*) and singer
August 17	Austin Butler	Actor (*Zoey 101*, *The Carrie Diaries*)
August 18	Richard Harmon	Canadian actor (*The 100*)
August 26	Dylan O'Brien	Actor (*Teen Wolf*)
August 28	Kyle Massey	Actor (*That's So Raven*, *Cory in the House*, *Fish Hooks*) and rapper
	Samuel Larsen	Actor (*Glee*)
August 30	Gaia Weiss	French-American actress (*Vikings*)
September 4	Carter Jenkins	Actor (*The Bernie Mac Show*)

September 9	Kelsey Chow	Actress (*One Tree Hill*, *Pair of Kings*, *Teen Wolf*)
September 20	Spencer Locke	Actress
September 22	Chelsea Tavares	Actress (*Unfabulous*, *Just Jordan*)
October 5	Jackson Rogow	Actor (*Dude, What Would Happen*)
October 6	Roshon Fegan	Actor (*Shake It Up*) and singer
October 18	Tyler Posey	Actor (*Teen Wolf*)
November 6	Pierson Fodé	Actor (*The Bold and the Beautiful*)
November 8	Riker Lynch	Actor (*Glee*)
November 11	Emma Blackery	Actress, singer and YouTube personality
	Christa B. Allen	Actress (*Cake*, *Revenge*)
November 13	Devon Bostick	Canadian actor (*The 100*)
	Matt Bennett	Actor (*Victorious*)
November 14	Graham Patrick Martin	Actor
November 15	Shailene Woodley	Actress (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*)

December 20	Hunter Gomez	Actor (*National Treasure*)
December 24	Louis Tomlinson	English actor (*One Direction*) and singer
December 26	Eden Sher	Actress (*The Middle*, *Mew Mew Power*, *Star vs. the Forces of Evil*)
December 27	Chloe Bridges	Actress (*The Carrie Diaries*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 12	Keye Luke	86	Character actor (*Kung Fu*)
February 1	Jimmy MacDonald	84	Voice actor (Mickey Mouse)
February 3	Harry Ackerman	78	Producer (*Bewitched*)
	Nancy Kulp	69	Actress (Miss Jane Hathaway on *The Beverly Hillbillies*)
February 6	Danny Thomas	79	Actor and comedian (Danny Williams on *Make Room for Daddy*)
February 24	George Gobel	71	Comedian (*The George Gobel Show*)
March 3	Vance Colvig	72	Actor (*Bozo the Clown* on KTLA in Los Angeles)
April 10	Natalie Schafer	90	Actress (Lovey Howell on *Gilligan's Island*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 23	William Dozier	83	Producer (*Batman*)
June 9	Joe Hamilton	62	Producer (*The Carol Burnett Show*, *Mama's Family*), former husband of Carol Burnett
July 1	Michael Landon	54	Actor, producer (*Bonanza, Little House on the Prairie*, *Highway to Heaven*)
July 15	Bert Convy	57	Game show host (*Super Password* and *Win, Lose Or Draw*)
July 21	Theodore Wilson	47	Character actor (*That's My Mama*)
August 6	Harry Reasoner	68	News anchor/reporter (*60 Minutes*)
August 22	Colleen Dewhurst	67	Actress (*Murphy Brown*, *Anne of Green Gables*)
September 4	Tom Tryon	65	Actor (*Texas John Slaughter*)
September 7	Ben Piazza	57	Actor (*Dallas*)
September 15	John Hoyt	85	Actor (*Gimme a Break!*)
October 9	Thalmus	51	Actor (*Roots*, *What's Happening!!*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Rasulala		
October 11	Redd Foxx	68	Comedian and actor (Fred Sanford on *Sanford and Son*)
October 24	Gene Roddenberry	70	Creator of (*Star Trek*)
November 2	Irwin Allen	75	Producer (*Lost in Space*)
November 5	Fred MacMurray	83	Actor (Steve Douglas on *My Three Sons*)
November 24	Freddie Mercury	45	British singer

1992 in American television

The year **1992 in television** involved some significant events. Below is a list of television-related events during 1992.

Events[edit]

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Date	Event
January 6	The weekly overnight news program *World News Now* debuts on ABC.
January 10	The *Days of Our Lives* nighttime special *One Stormy Night* is broadcast by NBC.

April 6	*Barney & Friends* debuts on PBS.
April 30	*The Cosby Show* series finale.
	The Nickelodeon time capsule was buried at Nickelodeon Studios in Orlando, Florida.
May 22	After 30 years, 66-year-old Johnny Carson hosted *The Tonight Show* for the last time.
May 25	Jay Leno debuted as host of *The Tonight Show*.
May 30	The final *Hee Haw* airs in syndication.
June 1	WNBC New York dropped the "-TV" suffix from its call letters (following the sale in 1988 of its sister radio station WNBC-AM by NBC's then-parent company General Electric) in favor of the new branding slogan "*4 New York*". The accompanying station image campaign was titled *We're 4 New York* and featured a musical theme composed by Edd Kalehoff. The campaign is revived two times, one is during the 2002 Winter Olympics and the recent one in 2007.
June 3	Presidential candidate Bill Clinton appeared on *The Arsenio Hall Show*. Clinton even played the saxophone with the band.
June 23	*Another World* broadcasts its first and only primetime episode, named *Summer Desire*, right before the Daytime Emmy Awards.
June 29	*Family Feud* on CBS with Ray Combs becomes the hour-long *Family Feud Challenge*.
August 7	After *Growing Pains* actress Tracey Gold loses a massive amount of weight due to anorexia nervosa, she was placed in hospital care (as a result, she is written out of most of the final episodes).

August 15	Nickelodeon began a Saturday night programming block called SNICK.
September 4	*Scared Silent: Ending and Exposing Child Abuse*, a one-hour live special, was hosted by Oprah Winfrey.
September 8	NY1, a 24-hour news channel dedicated to New York City, launches.
September 12	NBC is the first network to cancel all their Saturday morning cartoons in favor of four shows, *Saved By The Bell*, *California Dreams*, *NBA Inside Stuff*, and *Name Your Adventure* under the TNBC banner. A weekend version of *Today* is also added. Animated programming would return to NBC in 2006.
September 21	Square One TV is resumed for its fifth and final season.
September 24	The Sci-Fi Channel launches with a broadcast of *Star Wars*.
September 27	Marlon Wayans and Alexandra Wentworth joined the cast of *In Living Color*. Wayans only joins the cast for 13 episodes. Wentworth joins the cast full-time this season, and the 1993–94 season (the fifth and final season).
October 1	The Turner Broadcasting System's Cartoon Network goes on the air.
October 3	Sinéad O'Connor caused controversy when she rips up a picture of Pope John Paul II on *Saturday Night Live*.
October 17	Kristy McNichol's last episode of *Empty Nest*, entitled *The Boomerang Affair*, was broadcast. (McNichol would return for the series finale in 1995.)
November 1	Texas billionaire Ross Perot bought blocks of TV time for his presidential campaign.

November 18	The *Seinfeld* episode "The Contest" was broadcast. (It was somewhat controversial, but would later win an Emmy Award, as well as be named the number one episode of all time by TV Guide.)
November 27	The TV movie *Saved by the Bell: Hawaiian Style* was broadcast by NBC.
December 1	*The Young and the Restless* broadcast its 5,000th episode. In celebration of this promotion, *The Price is Right* featured a Y&R-themed Showcase.

Programs[edit]

Debuting this year[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 6	*World News Now*	ABC
January 10	*Hearts Are Wild*	CBS
January 17	*Tequila and Bonetti*	
January 29	*Nightmare Cafe*	NBC
January 31	*Billy*	ABC
February 28	*Scorch*	CBS
March 7	*The Powers That Be*	NBC
March 24	*Room for Two*	ABC

March 31	*Dateline NBC*	NBC
April 5	*Mann & Machine*	NBC
April 5	*Stand By Your Man*	Fox
April 6	*Barney & Friends*	PBS
April 11	*Code 3*	Fox
April 17	*Sightings*	Fox
April 18	*Nick News with Linda Ellerbee* (then known as *Nick News W-5*)	Nickelodeon
May 21	*The Real World*	MTV
May 25	*The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*	NBC
May 30	*Julie*	ABC
June 24	*Raven*	CBS
July 8	*Melrose Place*	Fox
August 15	*The Larry Sanders Show*	HBO
August 15	*Roundhouse*	Nickelodeon
August 15	*Are You Afraid of the Dark?*	Nickelodeon

August 16	*Secret Service*	NBC
August 27	*The Heights*	Fox
	Martin	
September 5	*Batman: The Animated Series*	Fox Kids
	Goof Troop	Syndication and ABC
September 10	*Lamb Chop's Play-Along*	PBS
September 11	*The Little Mermaid*	CBS
September 12	*Fievel's American Tails*	
	Raw Toonage	
	The Addams Family	ABC
	Wild West C.O.W.-Boys of Moo Mesa	
	California Dreams	TNBC
	Name Your Adventure	
	Eek! The Cat	Fox Kids

September 13	*Flying Blind*	Fox
September 14	*Hearts Afire*	CBS
September 15	*Delta*	ABC
September 16	*The Hat Squad*	CBS
September 18	*Bob*	
	The Golden Palace	
	Picket Fences	
	Camp Wilder	ABC
	Final Appeal	NBC
	The Round Table	
September 19	*The Amazing Live Sea Monkeys*	CBS Toontastic
	Beakman's World	
	Nickelodeon Guts	Nickelodeon
	The Plucky Duck Show	Fox Kids

September 20	*Great Scott!*	Fox
September 21	*Love & War*	CBS
	The Further Adventures of Zook & Alison from *Square One TV*	PBS
September 22	*Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*	ABC
September 23	*Mad About You*	NBC
September 24	*Street Stories with Ed Bradley*	CBS
	Rhythm & Blues	NBC
September 25	*What Happened?*	
September 26	*Dog City*	Fox Kids
September 27	*The Ben Stiller Show*	Fox
	Woops!	
September 30	*Laurie Hill*	ABC
October 4	*Ghostwriter*	PBS

	Great Scott!	Fox
October 5	*Born Lucky*	Lifetime
October 17	*I Witness Video*	NBC
October 31	*X-Men*	Fox Kids

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 3	*Pacific Station*	1991
January 4	*P.S. I Luv U*	
January 11	*Super Mario World*	
January 24	*Best of the Worst*	
March 2	*James Bond Jr.*	
March 5	*Drexell's Class*	
March 13	*Candid Camera*	
	Hearts Are Wild	1992
	Scorch	

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June 3	*Anything but Love*	1989
June 11	*McGee and Me!*	
June 29	*Salute Your Shorts*	1991
July 4	*Billy*	1992
	Julie	
July 13	*Man of the People*	1991
July 14	*Mann & Machine*	1992
July 22	*Dear John*	1988
October 24	*Rhythm & Blues*	1992
November 5	*WWE Saturday Night's Main Event*	1985
November 6	*Square One TV*	1987
November 26	*The Heights*	1992
November 28	*Good Morning, Mickey!*	1983
	The Amazing Live Sea Monkeys	1992

November 29	*Great Scott!*	
December 5	*Fievel's American Tails*	
	Raw Toonage	
December 12	*The Plucky Duck Show*	
	Darkwing Duck	1991
December 26	*Widget the World Watcher*	1990

Changing networks[edit]

The following shows aired new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes:

Show	Moved From	Moved To
Hi Honey, I'm Home!	ABC	Nick at Nite
Davis Rules		CBS
In the Heat of the Night	NBC	
Matlock		ABC
Muppet Babies	CBS	Nick Jr.
Tiny Toon Adventures		Fox Kids

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 17	Nate Hartley	Actor (*Zeke and Luther*)
February 9	Avan Jogia	Canadian actor (*Victorious*)
February 11	Taylor Lautner	Actor
February 14	Freddie Highmore	Actor (*Bates Motel*)
February 15	Greer Grammer	Actress (*Awkward.*) and daughter of Kelsey Grammer
February 17	Meaghan Jette Martin	Actress (*10 Things I Hate About You*, *Awkward.*) and singer
February 18	Logan Miller	Actor (*I'm in the Band*)
	Melinda Shankar	Canadian actress
February 29	Caitlin EJ Meyer	Actress
	Jessie T. Usher	Actor (*Level Up*)
March 7	Justin Kelly	Canadian actress
March 10	Emily Osment	Actress (*Hannah Montana*, *Young & Hungry*)
March 15	Anna Shaffer	English actress (*Harry Potter*)

March 23	Vanessa Morgan	Canadian actress
March 25	Elizabeth Lail	Actress (*Once Upon a Time*)
March 26	Haley Ramm	Actress (*Without a Trace*, *Chasing Life*)
March 30	Caitlin Carver	Actress (*The Fosters*)
April 4	Alexa Nikolas	Actress (*Zoey 101*, *The Walking Dead*)
April 8	Shelby Young	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*)
April 10	Daisy Ridley	British actress
April 13	Emma Degerstedt	Actress (*Unfabulous*)
April 18	Chloe Bennet	Actress (*Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*)
April 24	Doc Shaw	Actor (*Tyler Perry's House of Payne*, *The Suite Life on Deck*, *Pair of Kings*)
May 4	Courtney Jines	Actress
	Grace Phipps	Actress (*The Nine Lives of Chloe King*, *Scream Queens*) and singer
May 8	Ana Mulvoy-Ten	English actress (*House of Anubis*)
May 17	Ross Butler	Actor (*K.C. Undercover*)
May 18	Spencer Breslin	Actor (*Center of the Universe*)

May 19	Sam Smith	English singer
May 20	Jack Gleeson	Irish actor (*Game of Thrones*)
May 21	Hutch Dano	Actor (*Zeke and Luther*)
	Olivia Olson	Actress (*Phineas and Ferb*, *Adventure Time*)
June 10	Kate Upton	Actress and model
June 11	Eugene Simon	English actor (*House of Anubis*)
June 12	Allie DiMeco	Actress (*The Naked Brothers Band*)
June 14	Daryl Sabara	Actor (Rex Salazar on *Generator Rex*)
June 21	Max Schneider	Actor (*How to Rock*)
June 24	Raven Goodwin	Actress (*Just Jordan*, *Good Luck Charlie*)
June 26	Jennette McCurdy	Actress (*iCarly*, *Sam & Cat*, *Between*)
July 3	Nathalia Ramos	Spanish actress (*House of Anubis*)
July 13	Dylan Patton	Actor (*Days of Our Lives*)
July 17	Billie Lourd	Actress (*Scream Queens*) and daughter of Carrie Fisher

July 22	Selena Gomez	Actress and singer (*Wizards of Waverly Place*)
July 28	Spencer Boldman	Actor (*Lab Rats*)
August 2	Hallie Kate Eisenberg	Actress (Pepsi commercials)
August 4	Dylan and Cole Sprouse	Actors (*Grace Under Fire*, *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*, *The Suite Life on Deck*)
August 9	Burkely Duffield	Canadian actor (*House of Anubis*)
August 12	Cara Delevingne	English actress, model
August 20	Demi Lovato	Actress (*As the Bell Rings*, *Sonny with a Chance*, *The X Factor*) and singer
August 21	Brad Kavanagh	Actor (*House of Anubis*)
August 22	Erin Unger	Actress
August 27	Blake Jenner	Actor (*Glee*)
September 16	Nick Jonas	Actor (*Jonas*, *Scream Queens*) and singer (*Jonas Brothers*)
September 27	Sam Lerner	Actor (*The Secret Saturdays*, *Suburgatory*, *The Goldbergs*)
September 28	Keir Gilchrist	Actor (*United States of Tara*)

October 9	Tyler James Williams	Actor (*Everybody Hates Chris*)
October 12	Josh Hutcherson	Actor
October 15	Vincent Martella	Actor (*Everybody Hates Chris*, *Phineas and Ferb*)
October 17	Jacob Artist	Actor (*Glee*)
October 22	Sofia Vassilieva	Actress (*Medium*)
October 28	Lexi Ainsworth	Actress (*General Hospital*)
October 30	Tequan Richmond	Actor (*Everybody Hates Chris*, *General Hospital*)
October 31	Vanessa Marano	Actress (*The Young and the Restless*, *Scoundrels*, *Switched at Birth*)
November 18	Nathan Kress	Actor (*iCarly*)
November 23	Miley Cyrus	Actress (*Hannah Montana*) and singer
November 28	Adam Hicks	Actor (*Zeke and Luther*, *Pair of Kings*)
December 18	Bridgit Mendler	Actress (*Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Good Luck Charlie*, *Undateable*) and singer
December 30	Michael Eric Reid	Actor (*Victorious*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 7	Richard Hunt	40	Puppeteer (*The Muppet Show*)
January 26	José Ferrer	80	Actor (*Newhart* recurring role)
February 2	Bert Parks	77	Longtime host of the Miss America beauty pageant
February 20	Dick York	63	Actor (the 1st Darren Stephens on *Bewitched*)
March 25	Nancy Walker	69	Actress (Ida on *Rhoda*, Rosie the Bounty lady)
May 12	Robert Reed	59	Actor (Mike Brady on *The Brady Bunch*)
May 17	Lawrence Welk	89	Accordionist and bandleader (*The Lawrence Welk Show*)
June 6	Larry Riley	38	Actor (*Knots Landing*)
June 15	Chuck Menville	52	Animator and writer (*The Smurfs*)
June 22	Chuck Mitchell	64	Actor (*General Hospital*)
July 9	Eric Sevareid	79	News commentator
October 16	Shirley Booth	94	Actress (*Hazel*)
October 22	Cleavon Little	53	Actor (*Temperatures Rising*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
November 7	Jack Kelly	65	Actor (Bart Maverick on *Maverick*)
November 10	Chuck Connors	71	Actor (Lucas McCain on *The Rifleman*)
November 22	Sterling Holloway	87	Actor (voice of Winnie-the-Pooh)
December 18	Mark Goodson	77	Producer of game shows (*Match Game*, *Blockbusters*, *The Price Is Right*)
December 24	Peyo	64	Also known as "Peyo"; Belgian creator of The Smurfs

1993 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1993**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and channel initiations, closures and rebrandings, as well as information about controversies and disputes.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 3	ABC and CBS simultaneously broadcast their own movies based on Amy Fisher's life, with Fisher played by Drew Barrymore (for ABC) and Alyssa Milano (for CBS); NBC had broadcast its own version of the Fisher saga six days earlier (December 28, 1992).
January 19	Fox expands its regular prime-time schedule to seven days a week; the network premieres two dramas on this Tuesday: *Class of '96* and *Key West*.

January 20	Warner Bros. Television Distribution launches the Prime Time Entertainment Network.
January 31	The Super Bowl, broadcast by NBC, for the first time, had a solo halftime performer—Michael Jackson, who performed a medley of his successful songs.
February 10	Oprah Winfrey interviewed Michael Jackson during a live primetime special, hosted at Jackson's Neverland ranch (Jackson's first TV interview since 1979 with Barbara Walters for *20/20*).
February 24	Michael Jackson receives a Grammy Legend Award at the 35th Grammy Awards, presented by his younger sister, Janet.
February 26	The *Days of Our Lives* nighttime special *Night Sins* is broadcast by NBC.
March 26	CBS broadcasts the last new episode of *Family Feud* with host Ray Combs. The series would be broadcast as reruns until September 10.
April 29	A cartoon version of Barry White appears on the fourth-season finale of *The Simpsons*.
May 5	Senior *As the World Turns* cast member Don Hastings hosts a memorial tribute to Douglas Marland. Marland, who died during March after an abdominal surgery procedure, had been the series' chief writer since 1985 and was responsible for several story lines of the show.
May 14	Jaimee Foxworth (Judy) and Telma Hopkins (Rachel) make their final regular appearances on the series *Family Matters*; though Hopkins and Foxworth later makes return appearances on the series as Rachel and Judy. Cherie Johnson would join the cast as fan-favorite Maxine Johnson in the series' fifth season the next autumn.
May 20	*Seinfeld*'s season-four finale, expanded to 60 minutes, concludes a season-long story sequence involving a pilot show written by Jerry and George, with the pilot finally coming to fruition only to be refused by NBC executives.
	80.4 million people watch the series finale of *Cheers*.

May 22	*Saved by the Bell* broadcasts its graduation episode for the series finale on NBC. It broadcast this final episode before a spin-off, *Saved by the Bell: The College Years*, debuted three months later.
May 23	One month after federal agents make an infamous raid on David Koresh's Waco, Texas, compound, NBC broadcasts a hastily produced television movie based on the incident, *In the Line of Duty: Ambush in Waco*; Tim Daly plays Koresh for the movie.
June 25	David Letterman has his last late-night talk show with NBC.
August 30	*Late Show with David Letterman* premieres, with guests Bill Murray and musical guest Billy Joel.
September 10	PBS introduces new on-air graphics for its children's programs; the following year, PBS repackaged their existing children's programs as a new block called PTV.
September 12	Raymond Burr dies of liver cancer at his ranch home in California at the age of 76. (The last *Perry Mason* movie, *Perry Mason: The Case of the Killer Kiss*, aired on NBC on November 29, and was dedicated to Raymond Burr, with an in memoriam tribute at the end of the movie.)
September 13	*Late Night with Conan O'Brien* premieres on NBC, replacing David Letterman as host.
September 16	Marc Wilmore, Reggie McFadden, Jay Leggett, Carol Rosenthal and Anne-Marie Johnson join the cast of the series *In Living Color* for its final season. None of the Wayans Family are involved at all during the season.
September 19	The 45th Primetime Emmy Awards presentation is broadcast on ABC.

September 24	Raven-Symoné, Nell Carter and Saundra Quarterman join the cast of the series *Hangin' with Mr. Cooper* on ABC.
October 1	ESPN's secondary channel, ESPN2 (known as *The Deuce*), debuts.
October 15	Jewelry TV debuts as American Collectable Network, a home shopping network.
October 23	CBS's four-year broadcast relationship with Major League Baseball ends with Blue Jay Joe Carter's walk-off home run to win the World Series. (Bob Seger's song "The Famous Final Scene" plays during the broadcast's closing credits.)
October 25	*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* makes its TV debut on Fox; the movie is inter-cut with a live cast performance.
October 29	The first *Got Milk?* commercial is broadcast on TV. Directed by Michael Bay, a guy obsessed by the history of the duel hears a voice on the radio asking a $10,000 question, "Who shot Alexander Hamilton in that famous duel?", while making and eating a peanut butter sandwich. The question was transferred to the telephone, answers the correct answer "Aaron Burr", but the person on the telephone can't hear it clearly with his mouth full of peanut butter sandwich before time ends, and he only has a few drops of milk left.
November 15	Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, and Christina Aguilera join the cast of the series *The New Mickey Mouse Club*.
November 21	Bill Bixby dies of prostate cancer at the age of 59 (six days after his final directing job on *Blossom*).
November 23	TV Food Network makes its debut.
December 18	CBS (which had been a broadcaster of National Football League games for 38 years) loses their rights to the then-new Fox Network. Fox offered a then-record $1.58 billion to the NFL over four years for the rights to the National Football Conference games, significantly more than the $290 million per year CBS was willing to pay.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 1993.

Date	Show	Network
January 1	*Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*	CBS
January 3	*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*	Syndication
January 8	*Hotel Room*	HBO
January 11	*The Untouchables*	Syndication
	WWF Monday Night Raw	USA Network
January 18	*Scattergories*	NBC
January 19	*Class of '96*	Fox
	Key West	
January 20	*Time Trax*	PTEN
January 27	*Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*	
January 31	*Homicide: Life on the Street*	NBC
February 8	*Day One*	ABC
March 5	*Getting By*	

	Where I Live	
March 8	*Beavis and Butt-Head*	MTV
March 22	*Family Secrets*	NBC
April 2	*Good Advice*	CBS
April 21	*Walker, Texas Ranger*	
May 24	*Equal Time*	CNBC
June 7	*Rumor Has It*	VH1
	Trivial Pursuit	The Family Channel
June 14	*John and Leeza from Hollywood*	NBC
		Syndication
July 11	*Weinerville*	Nickelodeon
August 18	*Now with Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric*	NBC
August 26	*Angel Falls*	CBS
August 27	*The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.*	Fox

August 28	*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*	Fox Kids
August 29	*Living Single*	Fox
August 30	*Late Show with David Letterman*	CBS
	Missing Persons	ABC
September 2	*The John Larroquette Show*	NBC
September 3	*Thea*	ABC
September 4	*Bonkers*	The Disney Channel
September 5	*2 Stupid Dogs*	TBS
	NFL Matchup	ESPN
September 6	*NFL Prime Monday*	
	Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog	Syndication
	American Journal	
September 7	*The Les Brown Show*	
	The Chevy Chase Show	Fox
September 10	*The X-Files*	

	Bill Nye the Science Guy	PBS/Syndication
September 11	*Legends of the Hidden Temple*	Nickelodeon
	Droopy, Master Detective	Fox Kids
	SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron	Cartoon Network
	Saved by the Bell: The New Class	TNBC
	Madeline	The Family Channel
September 12	*Baby Races*	
	Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman	ABC
	Townsend Television	Fox
	seaQuest DSV	NBC
September 13	*Late Night with Conan O'Brien*	
	Animaniacs	Fox Kids
	Ricki Lake	Syndication
September 14	*Bakersfield P.D.*	Fox
	Saved by the Bell: The College Years	NBC

	Phenom	ABC
September 15	*Moon Over Miami*	
September 16	*The Sinbad Show*	Fox
	Cobra	Syndication
September 18	*Biker Mice from Mars*	
	CityKids	ABC
	Cro	
	Sonic the Hedgehog	
	Tales from the Cryptkeeper	
	Running the Halls	TNBC
	Café Americain	NBC
	Frasier	
	The Mommies	
	Rocko's Modern Life	Nickelodeon
	All-New Dennis the Menace	CBS Toontastic

	Cadillacs and Dinosaurs	
	Marsupilami	
September 20	*Dave's World*	CBS
September 21	*NYPD Blue*	ABC
September 23	*Eye to Eye with Connie Chung*	CBS
September 24	*Boy Meets World*	ABC
September 25	Front Page	Fox
	Harts of the West	CBS
September 28	*Acapulco H.E.A.T.*	Syndication
September 29	*Grace Under Fire*	ABC
	Joe's Life	
October 1	*Against the Grain*	NBC
October 3	*Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*	CNN
October 25	*The Jon Stewart Show*	MTV
October 27	*South of Sunset*	CBS

October 29	*Diagnosis: Murder*	
October 30	*The Paula Poundstone Show*	ABC
November 3	*The Nanny*	CBS
November 20	*George*	ABC
November 23	*How to Boil Water*	TV Food Network
November 26	*The Moxy Show*	TNT/TBS/Cartoon Network
November 28	*The Adventures of Pete & Pete*	Nickelodeon
December 17	*Off Beat Cinema*	WKBW-TV
	Scientific American Frontiers	PBS
	The State	MTV

Resuming this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/Same channel	Return date
Scrabble	1990	NBC	Same	January 18

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debu

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January 15	*Santa Barbara*	1984
January 17	*The Ben Stiller Show*	1992
February 13	*Double Dare*	1986
February 16	*Count Duckula*	1988
February 26	*Camp Wilder*	1992
March 24	*Doogie Howser, M.D.*	1989
April 16	*Major Dad*	
April 17	*Raven*	1992
April 26	*Homefront*	1991
April 27	*Reasonable Doubts*	
May 1	*Goof Troop*	1992
May 5	*Quantum Leap*	1989
May 12	*The Wonder Years*	1988
May 13	*Knots Landing*	1979

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December 11	*Marsupilami*	1993
December 15	*Joe's Life*	
December 24	*Against the Grain*	
December 26	*Townsend Television*	
December 27	*Bob*	1992

Entering syndication this year[edit]

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
1st & Ten	6	No	[1]
Adventures in Wonderland	1	Yes	[2]
Coach	5	Yes	[1]
Cops	5	Yes	[1]
Empty Nest	5	Yes	[1]
Family Matters	4	Yes	[1]
Garfield and Friends	5	Yes	[3]
Rescue 911	4	Yes	[1]

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Bonkers	The Disney Channel	first-run syndication
Getting By	ABC	NBC

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel
May 24	*The Hurricane Andrew Story*	NBC
September 12	*seaQuest DSV*	
December 6	*Gypsy: A Musical Fable*	CBS

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 9	Ashley Argota	Actress (*True Jackson, VP*, *Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*, *The Fosters*)
January 12	Zayn Malik	Singer (*One Direction*)
January 18	Morgan York	Actress (*Hannah Montana*)

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<tr><td>February 12</td><td>Jennifer Stone</td><td>Actress (Wizards of Waverly Place, Deadtime Stories)</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 13</td><td>Alex Sawyer</td><td>British actor (House of Anubis)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">February 14</td><td>Philip Wiegratz</td><td>German actor</td></tr>
<tr><td>Shane Harper</td><td>Actor (Good Luck Charlie, Awkward)</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 19</td><td>Victoria Justice</td><td>Actress (Zoey 101, Victorious, Eye Candy) and singer</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 26</td><td>Taylor Dooley</td><td>Actress</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">March 4</td><td>Bobbi Kristina Brown</td><td>Actress (The Houstons: On Our Own) (d. 2015)</td></tr>
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<tr><td>April 10</td><td>Sofia Carson</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">April 14</td><td>Graham Phillips</td><td>Actor (The Good Wife)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Vivien Cardone</td><td>Actress (Everwood)</td></tr>
<tr><td>April 15</td><td>Madeleine Martin</td><td>Actress (Californication)</td></tr>
<tr><td>April 23</td><td>Brooke Palsson</td><td>Actress (Between)</td></tr>
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May 6	Naomi Scott	English actress
May 10	Halston Sage	Actress (*How to Rock*, *Crisis*)
May 13	Debby Ryan	Actress (*The Suite Life on Deck*, *Jessie*, *The Mysteries of Laura*) and singer
May 14	Miranda Cosgrove	Actress (*Drake & Josh*, *iCarly*, *Crowded*) and singer
May 29	Maika Monroe	Actress
June 6	Jesse Carere	Actor (*Between*, *Finding Carter*)
June 7	Amanda Leighton	Actress (*The Fosters*, *The Powerpuff Girls*)
	Jordan Fry	Actor
June 9	Danielle Chuchran	Actress
June 14	Ryan McCartan	Actor (*Liv and Maddie*)
June 26	Ariana Grande	Actress and singer (*Victorious*, *Sam & Cat*, *Scream Queens*)
June 29	Lorenzo Henrie	Actor (*Fear the Walking Dead*)
July 1	Raini Rodriguez	Actress (*Austin & Ally*)
July 7	Capital Steez	American rapper (d. 2012)
July 10	Carlon Jeffery	Actor (*A.N.T. Farm*)

July 20	Alycia Debnam-Carey	Australian actress (*The 100*, *Fear the Walking Dead*)
July 26	Taylor Momsen	Actress and singer (*Gossip Girl*)
	Elizabeth Gillies	Actress (*Winx Club*, *Victorious*) and singer
July 28	Cher Lloyd	English singer
August 1	Leon Thomas III	Actor (*Victorious*)
August 2	Cassidy Gifford	Actress
August 7	Francesca Eastwood	Actress (*Mrs. Eastwood & Company*) and daughter of Clint Eastwood
August 11	Alyson Stoner	Actress (Isabella on *Phineas and Ferb*) and singer
	Luke Erceg	Australian actor (*Mortified*)
August 12	Imani Hakim	Actress (*Everybody Hates Chris*)
August 14	Cassi Thomson	Actress (*Big Love*, *Switched at Birth*)
August 18	Maia Mitchell	Actress (*Mortified*, *The Fosters*)
August 26	Keke Palmer	Actress (*True Jackson, VP*, *Winx Club*, *Scream Queens*)
August 29	Liam Payne	Singer (*One Direction*)
	Lucas Cruikshank	Actor (*Fred: The Show*, *Marvin Marvin*)

September 5	Gage Golightly	Actress (*The Troop*)
September 7	Taylor Gray	Actor (*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*)
September 9	Charlie Stewart	Actor (*Life with Bonnie*)
September 13	Niall Horan	Singer (*One Direction*)
September 18	Patrick Schwarzenegger	Actor
September 21	Carlos Knight	Actor (*Supah Ninjas*)
September 25	Zach Tyler Eisen	Voice actor (Aang on *Avatar: The Last Airbender*)
October 2	Elizabeth McLaughlin	Actress (*First Day*, *Betrayal*, *Hand of God*)
	Tara Lynne Barr	Actress (*Aquarius*)
October 8	Angus T. Jones	Actor (*Two and a Half Men*)
	Molly C. Quinn	Actress (*Winx Club*, *Castle*)
October 23	Taylor Spreitler	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *Melissa & Joey*)
October 27	Troy Gentile	Actor (*The Goldbergs*)
November 1	Dillon Lane	Actor (*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*)

November 27	Aubrey Peeples	Actress (*Nashville*) and singer
November 29	David Lambert	Actor (*Aaron Stone*, *The Fosters*)
December 8	AnnaSophia Robb	Actress (*The Carrie Diaries*)
December 17	Kiersey Clemons	Actress
December 22	Ali Lohan	Actress (*The Parent Trap*, *Living Lohan*)
	Meghan Trainor	American singer
December 27	Olivia Cooke	Actress (*Bates Motel*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 27	André the Giant	46	Wrestler (*WrestleMania*)
March 6	Douglas Marland	58	Writer (*As the World Turns*)
March 17	Helen Hayes	92	Actress (*The Snoop Sisters*)
April 1	Jerry Hausner	83	Actor (Jerry the agent on *I Love Lucy*, voice of Waldo in Mr. Magoo cartoons)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 3	Pinky Lee	85	Comedian (*The Gumby Show*)
June 11	Ray Sharkey	40	Actor (*Wiseguy*)
June 30	George McFarland	64	Actor (*Our Gang*)
July 2	Fred Gwynne	66	Actor (Herman on *The Munsters*, Muldoon on *Car 54, Where Are You?*)
August 16	Tom Fuccello	56	Actor (Dave Culver on *Dallas*)
September 4	Hervé Villechaize	50	Actor (Tattoo on *Fantasy Island*)
September 12	Raymond Burr	76	Actor (*Perry Mason*; *Ironside*)
October 12	Leon Ames	91	Actor (*Mister Ed*)
October 25	Vincent Price	82	Actor (*The Hilarious House of Frightenstein*, *Hollywood Squares*)
November 21	Bill Bixby	59	Actor (*My Favorite Martian*, *The Courtship of Eddie's Father*, *The Incredible Hulk*), director, producer
November 28	Garry Moore	78	Game show host and TV personality (*I've Got a Secret*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 16	Moses Gunn	64	Actor (*Good Times*)

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1994 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1994**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and channel initiations, closures and re-brandings, as well as information about controversies and disputes.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 18	The Peanuts special *You're in the Super Bowl, Charlie Brown* is broadcast by NBC. It will prove to be the last new Peanuts special broadcast on television for eight years until *A Charlie Brown Valentine* airs on ABC.
January 23	CBS, which had broadcast National Football League games since 1956, broadcasts its final telecast, with the Dallas Cowboys defeating the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship Game, 38–21. CBS had been outbid during December 1993 for rights to the NFC package by the Fox Network. CBS, however, would regain NFL rights (taking over the AFC rights from NBC) in 1998.
January 31	Bill Cosby returned to NBC for a two-hour movie, *The Cosby Mysteries*, after ending production of *The Cosby Show* for 21 months.

February 1	American pay television channel Encore initiates seven new themed multiplex channels (Westerns, True Stories, Love Stories, WAM!: America's Kidz Network, Action and Mystery), primarily on TCI cable systems, becoming the first premium service to offer themed premium services. Starz, which features more recent movie fare than its parent channel, is also initiated on this date as part of the Encore multiplex and would later become a rival to HBO, Showtime, Cinemax and The Movie Channel.
February 19	During the opening monologue on *Saturday Night Live*, guest host Martin Lawrence makes sexually explicit jokes about female genitalia and feminine hygiene, which results in NBC banning him from appearing on the network (for the next year) and *SNL* (for life). In repeats of the episode, the offending section of the monologue is replaced by a title card read by an off-screen player, saying that although *SNL* is neutral about the issues mentioned by Lawrence, network policy prevents his remarks from being re-broadcast, and that the incident almost cost the entire cast of *SNL* their jobs.
March 11	Viacom assumes control of Paramount Pictures, which includes Paramount Television. Later during the year Paramount/Viacom announces plans to initiate a new over-the-air television network, in conjunction with United Television. The new network, the United Paramount Network (or UPN for short), is initiated during January 1995.
March 31	Madonna appears on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and makes headlines for going on a profanity-laden tirade—one of the most censored events of American TV talk-show history, swearing 13 times during the interview. Though infamous, it results in some of the highest ratings of Letterman's late-night career. (Robin Williams would later describe the segment as a "battle of wits with an unarmed woman.")
April 14	Turner Classic Movies channel, an extension of Turner Broadcasting System debuted.
April 17	ABC/Fox affiliate KARD in Monroe, Louisiana disaffiliates from ABC and moves its secondary affiliation with Fox to primary status, in the first unofficial affiliation swap of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment. ABC will not have an affiliate in Monroe until KAQY signs-on in 1998.
April 24	Barney the Dinosaur makes his commercial network television debut on the NBC prime-time special spin-off program *Bedtime with Barney: Imagination Island*. However, the song "I Love You" wasn't sung in the special due to a lawsuit about the song at the time; this explains why "I Love You" wasn't used in *Barney's Favorites Vol. 2*, as it uses songs from the spin-off. Surprisingly enough after this special aired, the

	1965 film The Sound of Music was also included in the lineup for a Family Friendly Night of the '90s
April 28	*The Simpsons* broadcasts its 100th episode.
May 23	*Star Trek: The Next Generation* concludes its seven-year run with the series finale, *All Good Things...* The two-hour finale was broadcast at 6 p.m. on most affiliates, rather than as part of the prime time lineup.
June 1	FX begins broadcasting. This was first cable TV network to be owned by Fox.
	First formal broadcast of Newsworld International.
June 10	The Pay television content descriptors, which describe the varying degrees of suggestive or explicit content in series and movies being broadcast by pay cable channels, are first implemented by HBO and Cinemax. Showtime and The Movie Channel added the system a month later.
June 11	World Wrestling Federation wrestler Hulk Hogan signs a deal with World Championship Wrestling on a live broadcast of *WCW Saturday Night*.
June 17	With all major networks providing live coverage, former NFL player O. J. Simpson, suspected in the murder of his former wife and her acquaintance, flees from police with his friend Al Cowlings in his white Ford Bronco; the low-speed chase ends with Simpson's surrender to police at his Brentwood mansion.
	DirecTV, a direct broadcast satellite service, begins broadcasting in Jackson, Mississippi.
July 4	America's Talking, a talk and information channel (and forerunner to MSNBC), launched.
July 12	The 1994 Major League Baseball All-Star Game from Pittsburgh is broadcast on NBC (NBC's first Major League Baseball telecast since Game 5 of the 1989 National League Championship Series). The game is the first production of The

	Baseball Network, a joint venture between MLB, NBC, and ABC. Hampered by its much-criticized regional policy for game broadcasts and a players' strike that cancels the 1994 postseason, the venture will be termed a failure even before it dissolves at the end of the 1995 season.
August 12	The soap opera *All My Children* broadcasts a memorial episode for original cast member Frances Heflin, who died during June. The memorial is in the form of a funeral service for Heflin's character, Mona Kane Tyler.
	Fox broadcasts its first National Football League broadcast, a pre-season game in San Francisco between the 49ers and Denver Broncos.
August 21	HBO broadcasts a concert appearance by Barbra Streisand, the entertainer's first public concert in 27 years.
September 1	The Independent Film Channel debuted.
September 11	The 46th Primetime Emmy Awards were presented on ABC.
September 12	The first television stations involved in the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment, as part of larger affiliation deal between Fox and New World Communications, change their network affiliation. WDAF-TV in Kansas City ends its 45-year affiliation with NBC and WJW-TV in Cleveland ends its longtime affiliation with CBS, in both cases to become Fox affiliates. WDAF and WJW also trade their former affiliations with Fox affiliates KSHB-TV (becoming an NBC affiliate) and WOIO (becoming a CBS affiliate). Meanwhile, in Phoenix, KSAZ-TV (channel 10) ends its 40-year affiliation with CBS, and temporary becomes an independent station, 3 months before becoming a Fox affiliate. CBS then signs an affiliation deal with former independent station KPHO-TV (channel 5), reuniting CBS with its original Phoenix affiliate, and ABC signs with former Fox outlet, KNXV-TV (channel 15) through an affiliation deal between ABC and The E.W. Scripps Company, owners of KNXV. This leaves the former ABC affiliate, KTVK (channel 3), to become an independent station (briefly becoming a WB affiliate in January 1995 until KASW-TV (channel 61) signs on a year later and assumes the WB affiliation from KTVK, who enters into a LMA with the station).

	Original *Family Feud* host Richard Dawson returns to the series after nine years, replacing his successor, Ray Combs; the show also expands from half-hour to full-hour episodes.
October 31	fxM: Movies from Fox debuts as a spinoff of FX, broadcasting movies from the Fox library on a round-the-clock basis.
December 1	The Game Show Network, a network devoted to broadcasting classic game shows 24 hours a day, debuts.
	Home & Garden Television debuted.
December 8	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues as WITI in Milwaukee ends its CBS affiliation after 37 years to become a Fox affiliate. After failing to procure affiliations with Milwaukee's other major stations, CBS eventually aligns with former independent station WDJT (channel 58). Former Fox affiliate WCGV-TV (channel 24), who had turned down CBS, briefly becomes an independent station again before affiliating with UPN a month later.
December 11	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues as WJBK in Detroit and WAGA-TV in Atlanta end their longtime affiliations with CBS and switch their affiliations to Fox. As in Milwaukee, CBS struggles to find replacement stations in both areas, and eventually align with former independent stations WGPR (which CBS also acquires and renames WWJ-TV) and WGCL (then WGNX). Former Fox affiliates WKBD in Detroit and WATL in Atlanta both become independents briefly before respectively joining UPN and The WB one month later.
December 12	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues as WTVT (channel 13) in St. Petersburg, Florida ends its longtime CBS affiliation to become a Fox affiliate. Through an affiliation deal between CBS and Citicasters, the network joins the former ABC affiliate, WTSP-TV (channel 10) while ABC aligns with former Fox affiliate WFTS-TV (channel 28) through an affiliation deal between ABC and The E.W. Scripps Company, owners of WFTS-TV.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 2	*Viper*	NBC
January 17	*Leeza*	NBC
January 17	*Rolonda*	Syndication
January 26	*Babylon 5*	PTEN
January 26	*The Critic*	ABC
January 31	*The Cosby Mysteries*	NBC
February 5	*Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego?*	Fox Kids
February 14	*Trashed*	MTV
March 5	*Duckman*	USA Network
March 7	*Boggle*	The Family Channel
March 7	*Shuffle*	The Family Channel
March 9	*The Busy World of Richard Scarry*	Showtime
March 9	*Turning Point*	ABC

March 29	*Ellen*	
April 1	*Sister, Sister*	
April 15	*Space Ghost Coast to Coast*	Cartoon Network
April 16	*All That*	Nickelodeon
April 22	*Dennis Miller Live*	HBO
June 1	*Breakfast Time*	FX
	Personal fX: The Collectibles Show	
	The Pet Department	
	Sound fX	
	Under Scrutiny with Jane Wallace	
June 13	*Jumble*	The Family Channel
June 15	*Dead at 21*	MTV
June 27	*Free 4 All*	USA Network
	Quicksilver	
June 29	*Models Inc.*	Fox

July 4	*Politics with Chris Matthews*	America's Talking
August 14	*Inside the Actors Studio*	Bravo
August 15	*The Brothers Grunt*	MTV
August 25	*My So Called Life*	ABC
August 26	*M.A.N.T.I.S.*	Fox
September 1	*The Head*	MTV
September 3	*VR Troopers*	Syndication
September 4	*Fortune Hunter*	Fox
	Wild Oats	
September 5	*Aladdin*	The Disney Channel
	Extra	Syndication
September 8	*New York Undercover*	Fox
September 10	*The Tick*	Fox Kids
September 11	*The Boys Are Back*	CBS
September	*The Magic School Bus*	PTV

12	*Party of Five*	Fox
	The Gordon Elliott Show	Syndication
	The New Price is Right	
September 13	*On Our Own*	ABC
September 14	*All American Girl*	
September 15	*Due South*	CBS
September 17	*Beethoven*	
September 18	*Chicago Hope*	
September 19	*ER*	NBC
September 20	*Me and the Boys*	ABC
September 21	*Daddy's Girls*	CBS
	Touched by an Angel	

September 22	*Friends*	NBC
September 24	*Free Willy*	ABC
	ReBoot	
	The 5 Mrs. Buchanans	CBS
October 1	*Wild C.A.T.s*	
October 3	*Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills*	USA Network
October 8	*The Secret World of Alex Mack*	Nickelodeon
October 15	*My Brother and Me*	
October 24	*Allegra's Window*	Nick Jr.
	Gullah Gullah Island	
	Gargoyles	ABC
October 29	*Aaahh!!! Real Monsters*	Nickelodeon
November 6	*Earth 2*	NBC
November 16	*Essence of Emeril*	Food Network
November 19	*Spider-Man*	Fox Kids

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 2	*Doug* (returned in 1996)	1991
January 9	*Cadillacs and Dinosaurs*	1993
January 14	*The Les Brown Show*	
January 19	*George*	
January 23	*The NFL on CBS*	1956
January 30	*CityKids*	1993
February 8	*Saved by the Bell: The College Years*	
February 18	*Thea*	
February 23	*Bonkers*	
March 6	*Liquid Television*	1991
April 21	*Herman's Head*	
	The Sinbad Show	1993
May 10	*Roc*	1991

May 19	*In Living Color*	1990
	L.A. Law	1986
May 20	*The Joan Rivers Show*	1989
	The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.	1993
May 23	*Star Trek: The Next Generation*	1987
	Evening Shade	1990
May 27	*The Arsenio Hall Show*	1989
May 28	*Café Americain*	1993
June 10	*Shuffle*	1994
June 18	*Getting By*	1993
	Harts of the West	
July 10	*I Witness Video*	1992
July 20	*Dinosaurs*	1991
July 23	*Trashed*	1994
August 8	*Droopy, Master Detective*	1993

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<tr><td>September 7</td><td>Dead at 21</td><td rowspan="2">1994</td></tr>
<tr><td>September 25</td><td>Wild Oats</td></tr>
<tr><td>October 1</td><td>Clarissa Explains It All</td><td>1991</td></tr>
<tr><td>October 2</td><td>Fortune Hunter</td><td rowspan="2">1994</td></tr>
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<tr><td>November 18</td><td>Boggle</td></tr>
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<tr><td>December 3</td><td>Beethoven</td><td>1994</td></tr>
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	Sonic the Hedgehog	1993
December 10	*Garfield and Friends*	1988
December 20	*Romper Room*	1953
December 30	*Jumble*	1994

Entering syndication[edit]

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
Beverly Hills, 90210	4	Yes	[1]
Doogie Howser, M.D.	4	No	[1]
Evening Shade	4	No	[1]
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	4	Yes	[1]
Northern Exposure	5	Yes	[1]
The Simpsons	5	Yes	[1]

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Air date	Title	Channel
January 24	*Pointman*	PTEN

February 13	*Knight Rider 2010*	NBC
February 27	*Heaven & Hell: North & South, Book III*	ABC
May 8–12	*The Stand*	
October 30	*Without Warning*	CBS
November 13	*Scarlett*	TNT

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 19	Kristi Lauren	Actress (*I Hate My Teenage Daughter*)
January 21	Marny Kennedy	Australian actress (*Mortified*)
January 24	Booboo Stewart	American actor
February 1	Harry Styles	English actor and singer (One Direction)
February 10	Makenzie Vega	Actress (*The Geena Davis Show*, *The Good Wife*) and sister of Alexa Vega
February 11	Dominic Janes	Actor (*ER*, *Out of Jimmy's Head*)
February 14	Allie Grant	Actress (*Weeds*, *Suburgatory*)
	Paul Butcher	Actor (*Zoey 101*)

February 21	Hayley Orrantia	Actress (*The Goldbergs*) and singer
February 23	Cameron Palatas	Actor
	Dakota Fanning	Actress (*Taken*)
March 1	Justin Bieber	Canadian singer and actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
March 5	Aislinn Paul	Canadian actress (*Zoe Busiek: Wild Card*, *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, *Heroes Reborn*)
March 12	Christina Grimmie	American singer (d. 2016)
	Tyler Patrick Jones	Actor (*Ghost Whisperer*)
March 14	Ansel Elgort	American actor
	Frankie Ryan Manriquez	Actor (*Life With Bonnie*)
March 16	Sierra McClain	Actress
April 4	Chris O'Neal	Actor (*How to Rock*)
April 9	Joey Pollari	Actor
April 11	Dakota Blue Richards	British actress (*Skins*)

April 12	Saoirse Ronan	Canadian actress (*Kingdom Hospital*)
April 14	Skyler Samuels	Actress (*The Nine Lives of Chloe King*, *Scream Queens*)
April 16	Liliana Mumy	Actress (*Chowder*, *The Cleaner*, *The Loud House*) and singer
April 18	Moisés Arias	Actor (*Hannah Montana*)
May 4	Alexander Gould	Actor (*Weeds*)
May 7	Dylan Gelula	Actress (*Jennifer Falls*, *Chasing Life*)
May 16	Miles Heizer	Actor (*Parenthood*)
May 20	Peyton Clark	Actor (*I Didn't Do It*)
May 24	Cayden Boyd	Australian actor
June 2	Jemma McKenzie-Brown	English actress
June 3	Anne Winters	Actress (*Tyrant*)
June 11	Ivana Baquero	Spanish-American actress (*The Shannara Chronicles*)
June 15	Alice Englert	Australian actress (*Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell*)
June 16	Caitlyn Taylor Love	Actress (*I'm in the Band*)
June 23	Connor Jessup	Actor (*Falling Skies*)

June 24	Erin Moriarty	Actress (*Red Widow*, *Jessica Jones*)
July 16	Mark Indelicato	Actor (*Ugly Betty*)
July 17	Jessica Amlee	Canadian actress (*Heartland*)
July 28	Tyler Peterson	Actor (*How I Met Your Mother*)
August 9	Forrest Landis	Actor
August 17	Taissa Farmiga	Actress (*American Horror Story*) and sister of Vera Farmiga
August 18	Jessie Flower	Voice actress (*Avatar: The Last Airbender*)
August 27	Ellar Coltrane	Actor
September 8	Cameron Dallas	
September 17	Denyse Tontz	Actress (*Big Time Rush*, *Dog with a Blog*)
September 25	Jansen Panettiere	Voice actor (Truman X on *The X's*)
October 9	Jodelle Ferland	Actress (*Kingdom Hospital*)
October 13	Noah Crawford	Actor (*My Name is Earl*, *How to Rock*)
October 25	Chloe Rose	Canadian actress (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*)
October 26	Morgan Saylor	Actress (*Homeland*)

November 10	Zoey Deutch	Actress (*Ringer*)
November 13	David Levi	Actor (*The Naked Brothers Band*)
November 15	Emma Dumont	Actress (*Bunheads*, *Aquarius*)
November 16	India Ennenga	Actress (*Treme*, *The Returned*)
November 17	Raquel Castro	Actress
November 30	William Melling	British actor (*Harry Potter*)
December 3	Jake T. Austin	Actor (*Wizards of Waverly Place*, *The Fosters*)
December 11	Gabriel Basso	Actor (*The Big C*)
December 15	Emma Lockhart	Actress
December 17	Nat Wolff	Actor (*The Naked Brothers Band*) and singer
December 26	Samantha Boscarino	Actress (*How to Rock*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 1	Cesar Romero	86	Actor (The Joker on *Batman*)
January 8	Pat Buttram	78	Actor (Mr. Haney on *Green Acres*)
January 22	Telly Savalas	72	Actor (Theo Kojak on *Kojak*)
January 28	Hal Smith	77	Actor (Otis on *The Andy Griffith Show*, Dr. Seuss special)
February 11	Sorrell Booke	64	Actor (Boss Hogg on *The Dukes of Hazzard*)
	William Conrad	73	Actor (*Cannon*, *Jake and the Fatman, The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*)
February 24	Dinah Shore	77	Singer and talk show hostess (*Dinah!*)
March 4	John Candy	43	Comedian and actor (*SCTV*)
March 21	Dack Rambo	52	Actor (Jack Ewing on *Dallas*)
	Macdonald Carey	81	Actor (Tom Horton in *Days of Our Lives*)
March 22	Walter Lantz	94	Cartoonist, creator of Woody Woodpecker
April 2	Betty Furness	78	Consumer advocate and spokesperson (*The Today Show*)
April 5	Kurt Cobain	27	Singer, songwriter, musician (*Saturday Night*

Date	Name	Age	Notability
			Live [1992/93])
April 22	Richard Nixon	81	37th President of the United States
May 8	George Peppard	65	Actor (*Banacek*, Hannibal on *The A-Team*)
June 1	Frances Heflin	73	Soap opera actress (*All My Children*)
June 11	Herbert Anderson	77	Actor (Henry Mitchell on *Dennis the Menace*)
June 14	Henry Mancini	70	Composer ("Peter Gunn Theme")
July 7	Cameron Mitchell	75	Actor (Uncle Buck on *The High Chaparral*)
July 8	Dick Sargent	64	Actor (Darrin Stephens #2 on *Bewitched*)
August 21	Danitra Vance	40	Comedian (the first African-American woman regular on *Saturday Night Live*)
September 3	James T. Aubrey	75	Head of programming at CBS (1963–64)
September 16	Jack Dodson	63	Actor (Howard Sprague on *The Andy Griffith Show*)
October 2	Harriet Nelson	85	Singer and actress (*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*)
October 25	Mildred Natwick	89	Actress (*The Snoop Sisters*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
November 8	Michael O'Donoghue	54	Comedy writer (*Saturday Night Live*)
November 9	Priscilla Morrill	67	Character actress (Mrs. Vanderkellen on *Newhart*)
November 11	Pedro Zamora	22	HIV-positive participant of (*The Real World*)
November 30	Lionel Stander	86	Actor (Max on *Hart to Hart*)
December 18	Don Fedderson	81	Producer (*My Three Sons*)

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1995 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1995**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, cancellations, and channel initiations, closures and rebrandings, as well as information about controversies and disputes.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	The History Channel is launched.
January 2	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues in two major markets: as a buy-product of an affiliation deal between ABC and The E.W. Scripps Company, and

	a related deal between CBS and Westinghouse Broadcasting, Westinghouse-owned WBZ-TV channel 4 in Boston, Massachusetts switches from NBC to CBS, while NBC aligns with former CBS affiliate WHDH. In Baltimore, CBS switched affiliations to Westinghouse-owned WJZ-TV channel 13 after 46 years as an ABC affiliate, while ABC joins Scripps-owned WMAR channel 2 and NBC reunites with WBAL-TV channel 11 after 13 years as a CBS affiliate. Later that year, Westinghouse acquires CBS, making both WBZ-TV and WJZ-TV CBS owned-and-operated stations.
January 5	*All My Children* celebrates 25th anniversary and broadcasts a prime-time special.
January 11	The WB Television Network launches.
	Former *SNL* cast member, Ellen Cleghorne broadcast her television series, *Cleghorne*, on The WB (with other African American family situation comedies, *The Wayans Bros.* and *The Parent 'Hood*, the series is only broadcast for one entire season)
January 16	The United Paramount Network (UPN) launches, with a 2-hour premiere of *Star Trek: Voyager*.
	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues in the Flint/Tri-Cities, Michigan market, as NBC affiliate WNEM-TV in Bay City and CBS affiliate WEYI-TV in Saginaw swap affiliations. The move is deemed necessary by CBS to restore coverage in areas underserved by its then-new affiliate WGPR in adjacent Detroit, since WNEM-TV's signal is stronger than that of WEYI-TV.
	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys debuts starring Kevin Sorbo as "Hercules" and Michael Hurst as "Iolaus".
January 24	Live broadcasts of the O. J. Simpson trial begin; as a result, many network soap operas are partially pre-empted, more or less, for nine months.
January 27	The Golf Channel, a TV channel dedicated to the sport of golf, launches.
February 1	Classic Sports Network (now known as ESPN Classic) launches.

February 2	Seinfeld broadcasts its 100th episode.
February 20	What a Cartoon! launches on Cartoon Network as "World Premiere Toons" with the first short being "Changes", a pilot for *Dexter's Laboratory*. The show became a massive success and launched the careers of many individuals in animation such as Butch Hartman, Craig McCracken, and Seth MacFarlane.
March 6	On an episode of *The Jenny Jones Show* entitled "Same-Sex Crushes", Scott Amedure revealed a crush on his heterosexual friend Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz killed Amedure several days after the show.[citation needed]
March 13	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues in Seattle-Tacoma, as Gaylord Broadcasting-owned KSTW joins CBS for the third time while former CBS affiliate KIRO-TV joins the UPN network.
April 12	Drew Barrymore appears on the *Late Show with David Letterman*. In honor of Letterman's birthday, guest Barrymore dances on his desk and flashes him "on-air".
April 18	*Rox* becomes first television series distributed via internet.[1][2][3]
May 12	*As the World Turns* broadcasts its milestone 10,000th episode.
May 24	ABC announces that an episode of the soap opera *All My Children* was deleted from broadcasting due to the then-recent Oklahoma City bombing; in the story, villainess Janet Green was supposed to explode the church in which her ex Trevor Dillon was to marry her rival Laurel Banning.
July 1	After being purchased by New World Communications from Argyle Television, three additional stations switch to Fox as part of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment: KDFW (channel 4) in Dallas-Ft. Worth, KTBC (channel 7) in Austin, Texas and KTVI (channel 2) in St. Louis. KDFW and KTBC both defect from CBS, while KTVI leaves ABC. Independent station KTVT (channel 11) in Dallas takes the CBS affiliation in that area through an affiliation deal between the network and Gaylord Broadcasting (owners of KTVT); in Austin, former Fox affiliate KBVO (channel 42) swaps affiliations with KTBC and changes its calls to KEYE; and in St. Louis, KDNL (channel 30) swaps its Fox affiliation with KTVI and joins ABC. Former Fox-owned station KDAF-TV (channel 33) joins The WB, taking that affiliation

	from KXTX-TV (channel 39) due to a temporary arrangement in which KXTX would carry WB programming, until such time Fox was cleared to move to channel 4. KXTX-TV then becomes an independent station.
	Outdoor Life Network is launched.
July 24	WFMZ-TV initiates their very first daytime *Berks Edition* at 5:30 pm and the *First Nighttime Newscast* at 10:30 pm, covering the entire Berks County and all across the Lehigh Valley of Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey.
July 31	The Walt Disney Company announces that it will purchase ABC and ESPN; the deal is finalized during January 1996.
August 21	As a result of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment, longtime NBC affiliate WLUK-TV in Green Bay becomes the first of four "Big three" affiliates that SF Broadcasting (a joint venture of Savoy Communications and Fox Broadcasting) has purchased from Burnham Broadcasting to switch its affiliation to Fox. NBC eventually aligns with former Fox affiliate WGBA-TV. Two more NBC-affiliated stations (WALA-TV in Mobile, Alabama, and KHON-TV in Honolulu), along with ABC affiliate WVUE in New Orleans switch their affiliations to Fox on January 1, 1996. NBC again swaps affiliations with the former Fox affiliates in Mobile and Honolulu (WPMI and KHNL respectively), while ABC joins WB affiliate WGNO and former Fox affiliate WNOL joins The WB.
August 22	Larry Hagman, former main actor of *Dallas* and *I Dream of Jeannie*, undergoes a liver transplant.
September 4	*Xena: Warrior Princess* debuts featuring Lucy Lawless as "Xena" and Renee O'Connor as "Gabrielle".
September 5	Alan Kalter becomes the second announcer of the *Late Show with David Letterman* replacing Bill Wendell.
September 8	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues when longtime ABC affiliate WGHP-TV (channel 8) in High Point, North Carolina is sold directly to Fox (acquired via New World Communications from Citicasters, along with WBRC-TV in Birmingham, Alabama due to ownership conflicts) and as a result, becomes a

	Fox-owned station. Former Fox affiliates WNRW-TV (channel 45)/WGGT-TV (channel 48, now MyNetworkTV affiliate WMYV-TV) assume the ABC affiliation, and WNRW-TV changes its callsign to WXLV-TV to reflect the new affiliation. Both stations retain a secondary UPN affiliation until WGGT-TV leaves its WXLV-TV simulcast to become a full-time UPN affiliate the next year.
September 9	Kids WB debuts, including *Animaniacs* which transferred over from Fox Kids.
September 10	A major compensation deal between NBC and CBS after the Westinghouse-Group W/CBS deal as a result of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment becomes effective: Former NBC affiliates KCNC-TV, KUTV-TV and KYW-TV become CBS-affiliated stations (and quickly after that CBS-owned stations after Westinghouse merged with CBS), while former CBS affiliates KSL-TV and WCAU become NBC affiliates (and WCAU an NBC-owned station), and CBS-owned WCIX (channel 6) and NBC-owned WTVJ (channel 4) in Miami swap channel positions, with WCIX becoming WFOR-TV as a result of the change. Two related swaps also occur in Denver, as former ABC affiliate KUSA-TV joins NBC, and former CBS affiliate KMGH-TV switches to ABC as a result of an affiliation deal between the network and McGraw-Hill, KMGH's owners.
	The 47th Primetime Emmy Awards are aired on Fox.
	CBS acquires ABC affiliate WPRI-TV from Narragansett Television and swaps affiliations with WLNE-TV, thus reversing a swap that took place in 1977.
September 11	UPN Kids launched on some stations, featuring two new series, *Space Strikers* and *Teknoman*.
	Sailor Moon premieres in the United States for the first time.
September 17	Part 2 of "Who Shot Mr. Burns?" serves as the season 7 premiere of *The Simpsons* on Fox. This was after an *America's Most Wanted* special, "Springfield's Most Wanted".
October 3	More than 150 million people tune in to watch the verdict in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, which ends with Simpson being found not guilty of murdering his ex-wife Nicole

	Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. The verdict is met with both praise and criticism.
October 18	In the Michiana region of Indiana, Elkhart-based ABC affiliate WSJV swaps affiliations with South Bend-based Fox affiliate W58BT (which will become WBND-LP by the end of the year). The rush for W58BT to switch to ABC (at the insistence of network executives, who didn't want to wait for W58BT to sign-on a new transmitter) causes a partial transmitter failure, which is fixed within a few days.[4][5]
October 28	In Toledo, Ohio, NBC affiliate WTVG swaps affiliations with ABC affiliate WNWO and becomes an ABC owned-and-operated station.
November 13	ABC's 30-minute soap opera *Loving* (1983–1995) is turned into *The City*.
November 18	Will Ferrell, Cheri Oteri, and Darrell Hammond joined the cast of *Saturday Night Live*.
November 20	*One Life to Live* broadcasts its 7,000th episode and has a new opening sequence.
	ROX and *Computer Chronicles* are broadcast via the Internet—these are the first Internet broadcasts in the history of television.
December 1	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues as WHBQ-TV (channel 13) in Memphis, Tennessee ends its ABC affiliation after 45 years. WHBQ-TV is acquired by Fox Television Stations from Communications Corporation of America and joins Fox, while former Fox affiliate WPTY-TV (channel 24) joins ABC.
December 11	*The Today Show* becomes the highest-rated morning news program (and would remain so until 2012).
December 29	CNNfn, a financial news network from CNN, launches.
	Robert MacNeil anchors *The MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour* for the last time.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 1	*Modern Marvels*	The History Channel
	Taxicab Confessions	HBO
January 2	*Cybill*	CBS
	The Shnookums and Meat Funny Cartoon Show	The Disney Channel
January 4	*Washington Journal*	C-SPAN
January 9	*The Late Late Show with Tom Snyder*	CBS
January 11	*Muscle*	The WB
	Unhappily Ever After	
	The Wayans Bros.	
January 15	*Get Smart*	Fox
January 16	*The Puzzle Place*	PTV
	Star Trek: Voyager	UPN
January 17	*Marker*	

	The Watcher	
	Golf Central	Golf Channel
January 18	*The Parent 'Hood*	The WB
January 23	*Pig Sty*	UPN
	Platypus Man	
January 26	*Pointman*	PTEN
January 31	*The Marshal*	ABC
February 11	*The Big Comfy Couch*	PTV
February 20	*What a Cartoon!* (World Premiere Toons)	Cartoon Network
March 4	*NHL 2Night*	ESPN2
March 10	*VR.5*	Fox
March 14	*Under One Roof*	CBS
March 21	*NewsRadio*	NBC
March 22	*Sliders*	Fox

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August 31	*The Crew*	Fox
September 2	*Wild About Animals*	Syndication
September 4	*WCW Monday Nitro*	TNT
September 5	*Deadly Games*	UPN
September 6	*Carnie!*	Syndication
September 9	*Earthworm Jim*	Kids' WB
	Freakazoid!	
	Pinky and the Brain	
	The Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	
September 10	*Cleghorne!*	The WB
	First Time Out	
	Simon	
	Space Strikers	UPN Kids
	Teknoman	
September 11	*Ned & Stacey*	Fox

	Partners	
	Sailor Moon	UPN Kids
September 12	*The Monroes*	ABC
	The Client	CBS
September 13	*Central Park West*	
	Courthouse	
	The Drew Carey Show	ABC
	The Naked Truth	
September 15	*Maybe This Time*	
	Strange Luck	Fox
	The Bonnie Hunt Show	CBS
September 16	*Santo Bugito*	CBS Toontastic
	The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat	
	Masked Rider	Fox Kids
	Brotherly Love	NBC

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September 24	*Space: Above and Beyond*	Fox
September 25	*Timon & Pumbaa*	The Disney Channel
September 28	*New York News*	CBS
October 1	*Misery Loves Company*	Fox
	Too Something	
October 2	*Family Challenge*	Family Channel
October 9	*Wishbone*	PTV
October 14	*Mad TV*	Fox
	The Adventures of Hyperman	CBS
October 21	*Street Fighter: The Animated Series*	USA Network
October 22	*The Little Lulu Show*	HBO
October 27	*Goosebumps*	Fox Kids
October 28	*Dumb and Dumber*	ABC
October 30	*High Society*	CBS

November 3	*Mr. Show with Bob and David*	HBO
November 6	*Little Bear*	Nick Jr.
November 13	*The City*	ABC
	Exit 57	Comedy Central

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Network	Retitled as	Return date
Square One TV	1994	PTV	*Square One TV Math Talk*[citation needed]	Unknown

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 6	*SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron*	1993
January 21	*Wild C.A.T.s*	1994
January 26	*My So-Called Life*	
January 27	*The New Price is Right*	
January 28	*The Boys Are Back*	
February 1	*Hearts Afire*	1992

	Love & War	
February 2	*My Brother and Me*	1994
February 13	*Ghostwriter*	1992
February 19	*Get Smart*	1995
February 28	*Me and the Boys*	1994
March 3	*M.A.N.T.I.S.*	1994
March 6	*Models Inc.*	1994
March 12	*The Brothers Grunt*	1994
March 15	*All-American Girl*	1994
March 25	*The 5 Mrs. Buchanans*	1994
March 27	*The Shnookums and Meat Funny Cartoon Show*	1995
April 4	*On Our Own*	1994
April 12	*The Cosby Mysteries*	1994
April 29	*Empty Nest*	1988
May 7	*Matlock*	1986

May 11	*Muscle*	1995
May 12	*VR.5*	
May 15	*Pig Sty*	
	2 Stupid Dogs	1993
May 16	*In the Heat of the Night*	1988
May 20	*Star Search*	1983
May 22	*Blossom*	1991
	Taz-Mania	
	The Critic	1994
May 23	*Full House*	1987
May 28	*Tiny Toon Adventures*	1990
June 7	*The Watcher*	1995
June 10	*The Mommies*	1993
June 14	*Earth 2*	1994
June 19	*The Maxx*	1995

June 23	*The Jon Stewart Show*	1993
June 30	*Eureeka's Castle*	1989
	Love Connection	1983
July 1	*The State*	1993
July 10	*Platypus Man*	1995
July 26	*Northern Exposure*	1990
August 15	*Marker*	1995
August 17	*Yo! MTV Raps*	1988
August 27	*WWF Wrestling Challenge*	1986
September 2	*Name Your Adventure*	1992
September 8	*Family Feud* (returned in 1999)	1988
September 15	*Batman: The Animated Series*	1992
September 19	*The Discovery Channel*	1985
October 13	*Quicksilver*	1994
October 19	*The Monroes*	1995

November 9	*Dweebs*	
November 10	*Loving*	1983
November 15	*Courthouse*	1995
November 25	*Aladdin*	1994
December 16	*The Ren & Stimpy Show*	1991
December 17	*First Time Out*	1995
December 22	*Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?*	1991
December 25	*The Marshal*	1995

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Aladdin	First-run syndication	CBS
Animaniacs	Fox Kids	Kids' WB
Sister, Sister	ABC	The WB

Television stations[edit]

Station launches[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation
April 3	Hartford-New Haven, Connecticut	WTVU	59	The WB
August 12	Bluefield-Beckley, West Virginia	WVGV-TV	59	
September 22	Phoenix, Arizona	KASW	61	

Stations changing network affiliation[edit]

Market	Date	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation
Baltimore, Maryland	January 2	WMAR-TV	2	NBC	ABC
		WBAL-TV	11	CBS	NBC
		WJZ-TV	13	ABC	**CBS**
	January 11	W61BT	61	Independent	The WB
	January 16	WNUV	54		UPN
Burlington, Vermont (Plattsburgh, New York)	January 11	W39AS	39	Independent	The WB
	January 16	W27BI	27		UPN

Boston, Massachusetts	January 2	WBZ-TV	4	NBC	**CBS**
Boston, Massachusetts	January 2	WHDH	7	CBS	NBC
Boston, Massachusetts	January 11	WLVI	56	Independent	**The WB**
Boston, Massachusetts	January 16	WSBK-TV	38	Independent	**UPN**
Chicago, Illinois (Gary, Indiana)	January 11	WGN-TV	9	Independent	**The WB**
Chicago, Illinois (Gary, Indiana)	January 16	WPWR-TV	50	Independent	UPN
Cincinnati, Ohio	January 11	W25AI	25	Independent	The WB
Cincinnati, Ohio	January 16	WSTR-TV	64	Independent	UPN
Columbus, Ohio	January 11	WWHO	53	Independent	The WB
Dayton, Ohio	January 11	W51CJ	51	Independent	The WB
Detroit, Michigan	January 11	WXON	20	Independent	The WB
Detroit, Michigan	January 16	WKBD-TV	50	Independent	**UPN**
Elmira, New York	January 16	WYDC	48	Independent	UPN
Eugene-Roseburg, Oregon	January 11	KROZ	36	Independent	The WB
Eugene-Roseburg, Oregon	January 16	K25AS	25	Independent	UPN

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Richmond, Virginia	January 11	WAWB	65	Independent	The WB
St. Louis, Missouri	January 11	KPLR-TV	11	Independent	The WB
Seattle-Tacoma, Washington	January 11	KTZZ-TV	22	Independent	The WB
	March 13	KIRO-TV	7	CBS	UPN
		KSTW	11	Independent	CBS
South Bend, Indiana	October 18	WSJV	28	ABC	Fox
		W58BT	58	Fox	ABC
Terre Haute, Indiana	January 31	WBAK-TV	38	ABC	Fox
Toledo, Ohio	January 11	WT05	5 (cable-only)	Independent	The WB
	January 16	W48AP	48		UPN
	October 28	WTVG	13	NBC	**ABC**
		WNWO-TV	24	ABC	NBC
Washington, D.C.	January 11	WFTY	50	Independent	The WB
	January 16	WDCA	20		**UPN**
Yakima, Washington	January 11	K60EB	60	Independent	The WB

Births[edit]

Date	Name(s)	Notability
January 24	Dylan Everett	Canadian actor (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*)
January 30	Danielle Campbell	Actress (*The Originals*)
February 8	Jordan Todosey	Canadian actress (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*)
March 2	Veronica Dunne	Actress (*K.C. Undercover*)
March 27	Taylor Atelian	Actress (*According To Jim*)
March 29	Marc Musso	Actor
April 9	Cierra Ramirez	Actress (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, *The Fosters*)
April 23	Gigi Hadid	Actress (*The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*)
May 12	Kenton Duty	Actor (*Shake It Up*)
	Luke Benward	Actor
	Sawyer and Sullivan Sweeten	Actors (*Everybody Loves Raymond*)
July 7	Chloe Greenfield	Actress (*ER*)
August 18	Parker McKenna Posey	Actress (*My Wife and Kids*)

August 20	Lulu Antariksa	Actress (*How to Rock*)
August 26	Gracie Dzienny	Actress (*Supah Ninjas*)
September 5	Caroline Sunshine	Actress (*Shake It Up*)
September 12	Ryan Potter	Actor (*Supah Ninjas*)
September 16	Victory Van Tuyl	Actress (*Marvin Marvin*)
September 18	Megan Lee	Actress (*Make It Pop*)
September 20	Sammi Hanratty	Actress
October 15	Billy Unger	Actor (*Lab Rats*, *Lab Rats: Elite Force*)
October 25	Conchita Campbell	Actress (*The 4400*)
October 31	Mateo Arias	Actor (*Kickin' It*)
November 11	Kendall Jenner	Actress (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
November 13	Stella Hudgens	Actress
November 16	Noah Gray-Cabey	Actor (*My Wife and Kids*, *Heroes*)
November 29	Laura Marano	Actress (*Without a Trace*, *Back to You*, *Austin & Ally*)

December 29	Ross Lynch	Actor (*Austin & Ally*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 5	Doug McClure	59	Actor (*The Virginian*)
April 23	Howard Cosell	77	Sports journalist/commentator (*Monday Night Football*)
April 25	Art Fleming	70	Original host of (*Jeopardy!*)
May 18	Elizabeth Montgomery	62	Actress (*Bewitched*)
May 26	Friz Freleng	88	Animator (*Looney Tunes*)
June 30	Gale Gordon	89	Actor (*The Lucy Show*)
July 4	Eva Gabor	76	Hungarian-born actress (*Green Acres*)
August 3	Ida Lupino	77	Actress & director
August 11	Phil Harris	91	Actor (*The Phil Harris-Alice Faye Show*)
August 24	Gary Crosby	62	Actor (*Adam-12*)
December 25	Dean Martin	78	Singer, actor and host (*The Dean Martin Show*)

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Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	*Speedvision*, a cable channel devoted to motor sports, commences programming. The network would be rechristened *Speed Channel* in 2002, then *Speed* in 2005. It would be replaced by Fox Sports 1 in 2013.
January 20	Fox introduces its FoxTrax "glowing puck" during its telecast of the 46th National Hockey League All-Star Game.
January 28	Chris Isaak and Brooke Shields make guest appearances on a post-Super Bowl episode of *Friends*.
March 1	More than 1 billion households worldwide now own television sets.
March 4	DISH Network, a Direct Broadcast Satellite service, begins as a service of EchoStar.

April 29	TV Land, an offshoot of the series Nick at Nite devoted to round-the-clock broadcasts of classic television shows, debuts.
May 16	More than 12 million Americans watch the final episode of *Murder, She Wrote* on CBS, "Death By Demographics". Through its 12-year run, the series had become the longest-running American Murder Mystery Drama.
May 19	Sundance Channel debuts.
June 1	Major League Baseball broadcasts debut on Fox.
June 3	Zenith introduces the first HDTV-compatible front projection TV in the U.S.
June 19	WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC is awarded the first experimental high-definition television license in the United States.
June 30	New York PBS member station WNYC-TV shuts off the air and it was replaced with a commercially operated sports TV station known as WBIS.
July 6	When it becomes evident that Anna Stuart will be next to die in a serial killer storyline on *Another World*, many fans start letter-writing campaigns to save the actress; the NBC studios in New York City also report a great number of switchboard telephone calls regarding Stuart's imminent demise. Executive producer Jill Farren Phelps decides that actress Alice Barrett will be killed off the show instead.
	New World Communications sells its 2 remaining non-Fox affiliates, KNSD-TV (channel 39) in San Diego, California and WVTM-TV (channel 13) in Birmingham, Alabama, both of whom are affiliated with NBC, to the NBC Television Stations Division. Upon the finalization of the deal on August 14, both stations become NBC owned-and-operated stations (WVTM would eventually be sold to Media General in 2006; Hearst Television would acquire WVTM in 2015).
July 15	Talk-oriented America's Talking ceases broadcasting and is replaced by MSNBC, an all-news joint venture between NBC (AT's owner) and Microsoft.

August 2	MTV's secondary channel, M2 (now known as MTV2), debuts.
August 23	*The Price Is Right* celebrates its 25th Anniversary Special on CBS.
September 8	The 48th Primetime Emmy Awards are presented on ABC.
	The 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment continues when longtime ABC affiliate WBRC-TV (channel 6) in Birmingham, Alabama finally becomes a Fox owned-and-operated station, a year after Fox had acquired it (and WGHP-TV in High Point, North Carolina) from a trust that had been formed by New World Communications. ABC eventually affiliates with a trimulcast of WBMA-LP/WCFT/WJSU (channels 58, 33 and 40), which is owned by Allbritton Communications (owners of WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C., one of ABC's strongest affiliates). Former Fox affiliate WTTO-TV (channel 21) becomes an independent station before affiliating with The WB the next year, while another former Fox affiliate, WNAL in Gadsden, Alabama, aligns with CBS.
September 13	The dubbed version of the Japanese series *Dragon Ball Z* premieres in the U.S.
September 15	USA Cartoon Express airs for the last time on USA Network.
September 16	The Jackpot wedge debuts on Wheel of Fortune.
September 17	The O.J. Simpson civil trial begins.
October 1	Animal Planet and Discovery Civilization launched.
October 2	Seven newscasters were dismissed by WCBS-TV (channel 2) in New York.
October 4	Discovery Science debuts.

October 7	News Corporation gets into the cable news fray with the debut of the Fox News Channel.
November 1	ESPNNEWS, a sports news channel from ESPN, debuts.
November 2	The original cartoon series of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* broadcasts its final episode, "Divide and Conquer", on CBS.
November 11	Discovery Kids debuts.
December 1	The 25 Days of Christmas Special begins on The Family Channel, starting one of the longest running Christmas Specials.
December 12	Sports Illustrated and CNN debut CNN/SI, a 24-hour sporting news channel.
December 15	Five years after its series finale, a movie version of *Dallas*, entitled *Dallas: J.R. Returns*, is broadcast by CBS.
December 17	6 years after dropping the title, TBS resumes using the term *Superstation*.
December 31	WAKR-TV in Akron, Ohio disaffiliates from ABC and becomes an infomercial-based station before becoming a charter O&O of station owner Paxson Communications' new Pax TV network in 1998.

Television programs[edit]

Programs debuting during 1996[edit]

Date	Show	Network

January 6	*Campus Cops*	USA Network
January 9	*3rd Rock from the Sun*	NBC
January 21	*Savannah*	The WB
January 22	*Bzzz!*	Syndication
January 23	*Moesha*	Fox
January 24	*Tracey Takes On...*	
January 28	*Katie and Orbie*	PTV
February 6	*Street Signs*	CNBC
	C Bear and Jamal	Fox Kids
February 20	*VH1 Storytellers*	VH1
February 27	*The Spooktacular New Adventures of Casper*	Fox Kids
March 1	*Gold Fever*	Outdoor Channel
March 2	*Pacific Blue*	USA Network
	Space Cases	Nickelodeon
March 8	*Muppets Tonight*	ABC

March 16	*The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo*	Nickelodeon
March 20	*The Sentinel*	UPN
March 29	*Nash Bridges*	CBS
April 8	*Profit*	Fox
April 20	*Power Rangers Zeo*	Fox Kids
April 21	*Forensic Files*	TLC
	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Showtime
April 28	*Dexter's Laboratory*	Cartoon Network
	Fox News Sunday	Fox
May 13	*Buzzkill*	MTV
June 1	*The American Athlete*	ABC
June 2	*Big Bag*	Cartoon Network
June 3	*Debt*	Lifetime
	Kratts' Creatures	PTV
June 10	*Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends*	ABC

	The Rosie O'Donnell Show	NBC
	A Wedding Story	TLC
July 15	*Kenan & Kel*	Nickelodeon
	The News with Brian Williams	MSNBC
	The Site	
	Time and Again	
July 22	*The Daily Show*	Comedy Central
August 10	*Arliss*	HBO
August 11	*The Big Easy*	USA Network
August 25	*The Steve Harvey Show*	The WB
August 26	*7th Heaven*	
	Goode Behavior	UPN
	In The House	
	Malcolm & Eddie	
	Sparks	

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	Big Bad Beetleborgs	Fox Kids
September 8	*Blue's Clues*	Nick Jr.
	Bureau of Alien Detectors	UPN Kids
	The Incredible Hulk	
	Jumanji	
	The Mouse and the Monster	
	Fox After Breakfast	Fox
September 9	*Lush Life*	
	Party Girl	
	Grill Me	USA Network
	Access Hollywood	NBC
	The Cape	Syndication
	Real TV	
September 13	*Dragon Ball Z*	UPN Kids
	Everybody Loves Raymond	CBS

September 14	*Bailey Kipper's P.O.V.*	CBS Kidz
	Project G.e.e.K.e.R.	
	Secrets of the Cryptkeeper's Haunted House	
September 16	*Beast Wars: Transformers*	UPN Kids
	Judge Judy	CBS
	Cosby	
	Pearl	
September 17	*Promised Land*	
	Spin City	ABC
September 18	*Townies*	
	Men Behaving Badly	NBC
September 19	*The Pretender*	
	Suddenly Susan	
	Moloney	CBS
September	*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*	

20	*Clueless*	ABC
September 21	*Dark Skies*	NBC
	WWF LiveWire	USA Network
September 24	*Relativity*	ABC
September 27	*Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*	
September 28	*Early Edition*	CBS
September 29	*Profiler*	NBC
September 30	*Pappyland*	TLC
	Shopping Spree	The Family Channel
	Small Talk	
	Wait 'til You Have Kids	
	Dangerous Minds	ABC
October 5	*Jungle Cubs*	
October 7	*Fox News Now*	Fox News Channel

	Hannity & Colmes	
	The O'Reilly Factor	
	Your World with Neil Cavuto	
	Where in Time Is Carmen Sandiego?	PTV
	Theodore Tugboat	
	Tots TV	
	Hey Arnold!	Nickelodeon
October 11	*KaBlam!*	
October 12	*The RuPaul Show*	VH1
October 13	*The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss*	Nickelodeon
October 19	*Waynehead*	Kids' WB
October 21	*Ink*	CBS
October 25	*Millennium*	Fox
	Remember This?	MSNBC
October 27	*Pop-Up Video*	VH1

	EZ Streets	CBS
October 30	*Public Morals*	
December 9	*Idiot Savants*	MTV
December 24	*Edgewise*	MSNBC
December 28	*E! True Hollywood Story*	E!
	For Your Home	PBS
	Gardening by the Yard	HGTV
	Naughty Amateur Home Videos	Playboy TV

Programs resuming during 1996[edit]

Show	Last Aired	Previous Network	Retitled as	New Network	Returned
Doug	1994	Nickelodeon	Disney's Doug	ABC	September 7
Shop 'til You Drop		Lifetime	The New Shop 'til You Drop	The Family Channel	September 30

Programs ending during 1996[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 9	*Live Shot*	1995

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<tr><td rowspan="2">February 17</td><td>Maybe This Time</td></tr>
<tr><td>Mighty Morphin Power Rangers</td><td>1993</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 21</td><td>VR Troopers</td><td>1994</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 23</td><td>Strange Luck</td><td>1995</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">February 24</td><td>Biker Mice From Mars</td><td>1993</td></tr>
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March 29	*The Pink Panther*	1993
	George & Alana	1995
April 1	*Partners*	
May 1	*Allegra's Window*	1994
May 4	*Sisters*	1991
May 11	*Captain Planet and the Planeteers*	1990
May 19	*Murder, She Wrote*	1984
May 20	*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*	1990
	Nowhere Man	1995
June 2	*Space: Above and Beyond*	
June 9	*seaQuest DSV*	1993
June 19	*Hudson Street*	1995
June 26	*Picket Fences*	1992
June 28	*Central Park West*	1995
July 11	*American Gothic*	

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November 28	*Quack Pack*	
December 4	*Townies*	
	Rugrats (returned in 1997)	1991
December 6	*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*	1996
December 13	*Earthworm Jim*	1995
December 14	*California Dreams*	1992
December 24	*Roundhouse*	
December 28	*The Adventures of Pete & Pete*	1993

Made for TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Premiere Date	Title	Channel
April 9	*Face of Evil*	CBS
April 28	*The Beast*	NBC
May 14	*Doctor Who*	Fox
September 24	*After Jimmy*	CBS
November 15	*Dallas: J.R. Returns*	

November 17	*Titanic*	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Brotherly Love	NBC	The WB
In the House		UPN
Doug	Nickelodeon	ABC
Mystery Science Theater 3000	Comedy Central	Sci Fi Channel

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Cinematic Notability
January 9	Oana Gregory	Actress (*Crash and Bernstein*)
January 14	Gabrielle Elyse	Actress (*Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn*)
January 15	Dove Cameron	Actress (*Liv and Maddie*) and singer
January 18	Sarah Gilman	Actress (*I Didn't Do It*)
January 27	Braeden Lemasters	Actor (*Men of a Certain Age*, *Betrayal*)
February 1	Rahart Adams	Actor (*Every Witch Way*)

February 9	Jimmy Bennett	Actor (*No Ordinary Family*)
	Kelli Berglund	Actress (*Lab Rats*, *Lab Rats: Elite Force*)
February 17	Sasha Pieterse	Actress (*Pretty Little Liars*) and singer
February 19	Allen Alvarado	Actor (*Flight 29 Down*)
February 21	Sophie Turner	English actress (*Game of Thrones*)
February 28	Bobb'e J. Thompson	Actor (*That's So Raven*, *Tyler Perry's House of Payne*)
March 22	Gig Morton	Canadian actor (*Mr. Young*)
April 3	Sarah Jeffery	Canadian actress
April 4	Austin Mahone	American singer
April 6	Miranda May	Actress (*Bunk'd*)
April 10	Audrey Whitby	Actress (*The Thundermans*)
April 14	Abigail Breslin	Actress (*Scream Queens*)
April 17	Dee Dee Davis	Actress (*The Bernie Mac Show*)
April 25	Allisyn Ashley Arm	Actress (*Sonny with a Chance*, *So Random!*)
May 3	Noah Munck	Actor (*iCarly*, *The Goldbergs*)

May 8	Noah Centineo	Actor (*The Fosters*)
May 17	Ryan Ochoa	Actor (*iCarly*, *Pair of Kings*)
June 16	Cody Lohan	Actor (*Living Lohan*)
July 16	Nicky Jones	Voice actor (*Chowder*)
July 21	Joey Bragg	Actor (*Liv and Maddie*)
July 30	Austin North	Actor (*I Didn't Do It*)
July 31	Blake Michael	Actor (*Dog With a Blog*)
August 1	Cymphonique Miller	Actress (*How to Rock*) and singer
August 12	Torri Webster	Canadian actress (*Life with Boys*)
September 1	Zendaya	Actress (*Shake It Up*, *K.C. Undercover*) and singer
September 4	Victoria Moroles	Actress (*Liv and Maddie*, *Teen Wolf*)
September 6	Alex Christian Jones	Actor (*Kickin' It*)
September 10	Kamil McFadden	Actor (*K.C. Undercover*)
October 9	Bella Hadid	American model
November 22	Hailey Baldwin	American fashion and model

December 6	Stefanie Scott	Actress (*A.N.T. Farm*)
December 11	Hailee Steinfeld	Actress and singer
	Jack Griffo	Actor (*The Thundermans*) and singer
December 20	Timothy McCartney	Actor
December 21	Kaitlyn Dever	Actress (*Justified*, *Last Man Standing*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Cinematic Credibility
February 3	Audrey Meadows	73	actress (Alice Kramden on *The Honeymooners*)
February 13	Martin Balsam	76	actor (Murray on *Archie Bunker's Place*)
February 15	McLean Stevenson	68	actor (Lt. Col. Henry Blake on *M*A*S*H*)
	Tommy Rettig	54	child actor (Jeff on *Lassie*)
March 4	Minnie Pearl	83	comedian
March 5	Whit Bissell	86	character actor
March 9	George Burns	100	comedian (*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show*)
March 11	Vince Edwards	67	actor (*Ben Casey*)

April 21	Jimmy Snyder	77	sports commentator (*The NFL Today*)
May 20	Jon Pertwee	76	actor (*Third Doctor*) (*Doctor Who*)
June 2	Ray Combs	40	former host of *Family Feud*, (suicide)
June 5	Vito Scotti	78	character actor, *Gilligan's Island*
June 16	Mel Allen	83	sports commentator
July 21	Herb Edelman	62	actor (Stanley Zbornak on *The Golden Girls*)
August 27	Greg Morris	62	actor (*Mission: Impossible*)
September 13	Tupac Shakur	25	actor and songwriter
October 6	Ted Bessell	61	actor and director (Donald on *That Girl*)
October 28	Morey Amsterdam	87	actor and comedian (Buddy on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*)
December 8	Howard Rollins	46	actor (Tibbs on *In the Heat of the Night*)
December 12	Larry Gates	81	soap opera actor (*Guiding Light*)
December 14	Edward K. Milkis	65	producer

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January 1	The television rating system, a system similar to the one used for motion pictures, goes into effect.
	WWOR-TV's EMI Service is officially discontinued, re-uplinked into a local version a month later.
January 3	Bryant Gumbel anchored his last *Today* show on NBC. Matt Lauer takes over three days later.
January 6	*Sunset Beach* premieres on NBC.
January 12	*King of the Hill* premieres on Fox.
January 22	New World Communications is acquired by Fox. The deal makes 10 New World-owned stations that affiliated with Fox as a result of the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment network O&O's.
January 26	Fox broadcasts its first Super Bowl, making it the last of the big four networks to air a Super Bowl. The Green Bay Packers defeat the New England Patriots 35-21 in a game that gives Fox its highest ratings to date.
February 1	The final affiliation switch resulting from the 1994 United States broadcast TV realignment takes place when Allbritton Communications (owners of WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C., one of the strongest ABC affiliates in the country) converts WB affiliate WBSG in Brunswick, Georgia into a semi-satellite of new sign-on WJXX in Orange Park, Florida, which assumes the ABC affiliation for the Jacksonville market. Former ABC affiliate WJKS promptly discontinues its news

	operation and assumes the WB affiliation from WBSG.
February 9	On Fox, *The Simpsons* airs the episode "The Itchy & Scratchy & Poochie Show". With this episode, *The Simpsons* surpasses *The Flintstones* as the longest-running primetime animated series in terms of episodes aired.
February 21	The old trilon-style puzzle board is used for the last time on *Wheel of Fortune* after 22 years. Next Monday, February 24, a new digital puzzle board debuts, which allows Vanna White to reveal letters with just a simple touch of a button.
March 17	Toonami debuts on Cartoon Network.
April 1	The cable channel CBS Eye on People (later known as Discovery People) debuted.
April 7	Disney Channel is revamped with the premiere of Pocahontas.
April 30	The *Ellen* episode, The Puppy Episode is broadcast on ABC, showing for the first time the revelation of a main character as a homosexual.
May 7	Disney Channel begins Playhouse Disney for pre-schoolers.
	CBS begins airing the two-part *Knots Landing* reunion miniseries *Knots Landing: Back to the Cul-de-Sac*, airing on two non-consecutive nights, on May 7 and May 9.
May 9	Bob Saget hosts his final regular episode of *America's Funniest Home Videos* on ABC, with the other cast members of Full House, minus The Olsen Twins.
June 6	Farrah Fawcett makes a bizarre appearance on CBS's *Late Show with David Letterman*. Fawcett tells long, rambling stories without a purpose, fails to understand simple questions, and gets easily distracted by things like blinking lights on the set.
June 21	The Professional Bowlers Tour ends after 36 years on ABC. CBS assumes the rights to the tour and will televise several events over the next two years.

June 30	In Seattle, KIRO-TV (CBS) and KSTW (UPN) reverse their 1995 swap.
July 9	NewSport ends after four years.
July 15	A tribute episode of *Another World* is broadcast on NBC in honor of Victoria Wyndham's 25 years with the program.
July 16	The Powerhouse era begins on Cartoon Network replacing the Checkerboard era.
August 25	*Rugrats* returns to Nickelodeon with new regular episodes. It had been cancelled in 1994 but received a reprieve for a fourth season in 1995. Note: four special episodes were broadcast during the hiatus between cancellation and revival, but are not counted as part of the series's normal run.
August 31	WFFF-TV in Burlington, Vermont signs-on the air, giving the Burlington/Plattsburgh market its first full-time Fox affiliate (prior to this, Fox programming was seen on a secondary basis on CBS affiliate WCAX-TV).[1]
September 1	Disney Channel converts from subscription television to a regular channel after 14 years.
September 6	Various networks broadcast the Princess Diana funeral; 2.7 million viewers at home watched this special.
September 13	ABC revamps its Saturday morning cartoon schedule, and adds more new series from parent company Disney to become Disney's One Saturday Morning. This, along with many other programming, was delayed one week from its originally planned debut as a result of the aforementioned Princess Diana funeral.
September 14	The 49th Primetime Emmy Awards presentation was broadcast on CBS.
September 19	After several years of being a part of ABC's successful "TGIF" sitcom programming block, *Family Matters* and *Step by Step* switch to CBS. (Both series were canceled the

	following Spring).
October 1	PRISM and SportsChannel Philadelphia, cease broadcasting to make way for Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia.
October 31	Detroit regional sports network PASS Sports goes off the air.
November 2	A third production of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's version of *Cinderella* was aired on ABC. This version, featuring Brandy Norwood and Whitney Houston, was produced by ABC's parent company The Walt Disney Company (which made its own version of the story as an animated movie during 1950).
November 6	The NBC discussion show *Meet the Press* celebrates its 50th anniversary.
November 9	During a pay-per-view broadcast of the World Wrestling Federation's *Survivor Series*, then-WWF Champion Bret Hart loses his title to Shawn Michaels. The finish is mired in controversy when WWF chairman Vince McMahon, who had been sitting at ringside, orders Earl Hebner, the assigned referee, to end the match as Michaels is holding Hart in Hart's own finishing maneuver, the Sharpshooter, even though Hart had not submitted. The incident becomes known as the Montreal Screwjob and will mark the final appearance of Hart on WWE television until 2010.[2]
November 29	The Emergency Broadcast System is replaced by the Emergency Alert System and it continues to this day.
December 23	Trio, a channel devoted to CBC programs, debuts for United States viewers.

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	The World's Funniest!	Fox
August 25	*Good News*	UPN
August 26	*Head over Heels*	
	Hitz	
August 31	*Recess*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
September 1	*101 Dalmatians: The Series*	
	Fox News Watch	Fox News Channel
	MTV Live	MTV
	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	USA Network
	Extreme Dinosaurs	Syndication
September 6	*Click*	
	City Guys	NBC
September 7	*Alright Already*	The WB
	The Tom Show	

September 8	*Ally McBeal*	Fox
September 11	*Between Brothers*	
	413 Hope St.	
September 12	*Ninja Turtles: The Next Mutation*	Fox Kids
September 13	*Pepper Ann*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
	Science Court	
	The Crayon Box	Syndication
	The Legend of Calamity Jane	Kids' WB
	The New Batman Adventures	
	The New Batman/Superman Adventures	
	CBS Saturday Morning	CBS
	The Weird Al Show	Think CBS Kids
	Wheel 2000	
September 14	*Fudge*	
	The New Ghostwriter Mysteries	

September 15	*George & Leo*	CBS
	The Gregory Hines Show	
	Michael Hayes	
September 18	*Cracker*	ABC
	Nothing Sacred	
September 19	*The Visitor*	Fox
September 21	*Goin' for Mine*	
September 22	*Timecop*	ABC
	Brooklyn South	CBS
September 23	*Dellaventura*	
	Dharma & Greg	ABC
	Hiller and Diller	
September 24	*Public Eye with Bryant Gumbel*	CBS
September	*Union Square*	NBC

25	*Veronica's Closet*	
September 26	*Meego*	CBS
	Teen Angel	ABC
	You Wish	
September 27	*Soldier of Fortune, Inc.*	Syndication
	The Tony Danza Show	NBC
	Total Security	
September 28	*Jenny*	
September 29	*The Big Garage*	TLC
October 1	*Amp*	MTV
	Daily News Live	CSN Philadelphia
	SportsDay	
	SportsNite	
	SportsRise	
	Wimzie's House	PTV

October 4	*The Adventures of Sam & Max: Freelance Police*	Fox Kids
	Fame L.A.	Syndication
October 6	*Earth: Final Conflict*	
	Team Knight Rider	
	The Edge	CNBC
October 8	*Working*	NBC
October 11	*C-16: FBI*	ABC
	Men in Black: The Series	Kids' WB
October 17	*Players*	NBC
October 20	*Bear in the Big Blue House*	Playhouse Disney
October 25	*Channel Umptee-3*	Kids' WB
November 3	*Autoline Detroit*	WTVS
	Cartoon Sushi	MTV
	Enjoying Everyday Life	Syndication

	My Classic Car	TNN
November 8	*The Journey of Allen Strange*	Nickelodeon
November 28	*Tenacious D*	HBO

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New/Returning/Same network	Returning
Rugrats	1996	Nickelodeon	Same	May 6
The People's Court	1993	Syndication		September 8
Muppets Tonight	1996	ABC	The Disney Channel	September 13
The Wonderful World of Disney		Disney Channel	ABC	September 28

Ending this year[edit]

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January 1	*Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*	1993
January 3	*Small Talk*	1996
January 12	*Kirk*	1995

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June 9	*Married... with Children*	1987
June 14	*Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*	1993
June 25	*Pearl*	1996
July 18	*Dave's World*	1993
August 1	*Eek! The Cat*	1992
August 9	*Nightmare Ned*	1997
August 18	*The Site*	1996
August 29	*The Disney Afternoon*	1990
August 30	*Ultraman Tiga*	1996
	Hangin' with Mr. Cooper	1992
	The Mask: Animated Series	1995
September 5	*The Gordon Elliott Show*	1994
September 6	*Duckman*	
	CBS Kidz	1996

September 7	*Family Challenge*	1995
September 20	*X-Men*	1992
September 26	*Lamb Chop's Play-Along*	
September 27	*The Legend of Calamity Jane*	1997
October 12	*The Big Easy*	1996
October 24	*Meego*	1997
October 28	*Head over Heels*	
November 2	*The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat*	1995
November 11	*Hitz*	1997
November 23	*The Incredible Hulk*	1996
November 24	*Power Rangers Turbo*	1997
November 28	*Beavis and Butt-head* (returned in 2011)	1993
December 7	*Aaahh!!! Real Monsters*	1994
December 12	*Where in Time Is Carmen Sandiego?*	1996
December 15	*Johnny Bravo* (returned in 1999)	1997

December 17	*Men Behaving Badly*	1996
December 21	*Weinerville*	1993
December 24	*Extreme Dinosaurs*	1997

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Title	Network	Date of airing
Miss Evers' Boys	HBO	February 22
12 Angry Men	Showtime	August 17
Don King: Only in America	HBO	November 15
What the Deaf Man Heard	CBS	November 23

Miniseries[edit]

Title	Network	Premiere
The Shining	ABC	April 27
Knots Landing: Back to the Cul-de-Sac	CBS	May 7
The Last Don		May 11
The Odyssey	NBC	May 18

George Wallace	TNT	August 24

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
JAG	NBC	CBS
Unsolved Mysteries		
Family Matters	ABC	
Step by Step		
The Naked Truth		NBC
Clueless		UPN
Sweet Valley High	Syndication	
Politically Incorrect	Comedy Central	ABC
Sliders	Fox	Syfy
Batman: The Animated Series	Fox Kids	Kids' WB
Comedown		
Madeline	The Family Channel	Playhouse

Katie and Orbie	PTV	Disney

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 9	Lauryn McClain	Actress
January 11	Cody Simpson	Australian actor
January 17	Jake Paul	Actor (*Bizaardvark*)
January 21	Jeremy Shada	Voice actor (Finn the Human on *Adventure Time*)
January 24	Dylan Riley Snyder	Actor (*Kickin' It*)
February 10	Chloë Grace Moretz	Actress (*My Friends Tigger & Pooh*, *Carrie*, *The 5th Wave*)
March 11	Matreya Fedor	Canadian actress (*Mr. Young*)
March 16	Tyrel Jackson Williams	Actor (*Lab Rats*)
March 18	Ciara Bravo	Actress (*Big Time Rush*, *Red Band Society*, *Second Chance*)
April 15	Maisie Williams	English actress (*Game of Thrones*)
May 21	Kevin Quinn	Actor (*Bunk'd*)
May 30	Jake Short	Actor (*A.N.T. Farm*, *Mighty Med*, *Lab Rats: Elite Force*)

June 5	Denisea Wilson	Actress (*Every Witch Way*)
July 4	Daniela Nieves	Actress (*Every Witch Way*, *WITS Academy*)
July 13	Leo Howard	Actor (*Kickin' It*)
July 20	Billi Bruno	Actress (*According to Jim*)
July 22	Field Cate	Actor (*Pushing Daisies*)
August 5	Adam Irigoyen	Actor (*Shake It Up*)
	Olivia Holt	Actress (*Kickin' It*, *I Didn't Do It*)
August 10	Kylie Jenner	Actress (*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*)
August 16	Piper Curda	Actress (*I Didn't Do It*)
August 28	Emilia McCarthy	Canadian actress (*Max & Shred*)
September 7	Dean-Charles Chapman	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)
October 7	Kira Kosarin	Actress (*The Thundermans*)
October 8	Bella Thorne	Actress (*Shake It Up*) and singer
October 23	Zach Callison	Actor (*Steven Universe*)
October 25	Tyler Alvarez	Actor (*Every Witch Way*)

October 28	Sierra McCormick	Actress (*A.N.T. Farm*)
October 31	Sydney Park	Actress (*Instant Mom*)
November 1	Alex Wolff	Actor (*The Naked Brothers Band*) and singer

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 6	Ernie Anderson	73	Voice actor and announcer (*The Carol Burnett Show*)
February 26	David Doyle	67	Actor (Bosley on *Charlie's Angels*) grandpa lou pickles on Rugrats
March 15	Gail Davis	71	Actress (Annie on *Annie Oakley*)
April 15	Don Bexley	87	Actor (Bubba on *Sanford and Son*)
May 4	Alvy Moore	75	Actor (Hank Kimball on *Green Acres*)
May 11	Howard Morton	71	Character actor (Officer Ralph Simpson on *Gimme a Break!*)
May 24	Edward Mulhare	74	Actor (Captain Gregg on *The Ghost & Mrs. Muir* and Miles on *Knight Rider*)
June 8	Reid Shelton	72	Actor (*1st & Ten: The Championship*)
June 14	Richard Jaeckel	70	Actor (*Baywatch*, *Spenser for Hire*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 24	Brian Keith	75	Actor (Uncle Bill on *Family Affair*)
July 4	Charles Kuralt	62	Journalist (*CBS News Sunday Morning*)
August 27	Brandon Tartikoff	48	President of NBC
September 9	Burgess Meredith	89	Actor (The Penguin on *Batman*)
September 17	Red Skelton	84	Comedian (*The Red Skelton Show*)
October 9	Arch Johnson	75	Character actor (*Camp Runamuck*)
October 16	Audra Lindley	79	Actress (Mrs. Roper on *Three's Company*)
October 24	Don Messick	71	Voice actor (Scooby-Doo)
October 30	Sydney Newman	80	Producer (*The Avengers*, *Doctor Who*)
November 25	Charles Hallahan	54	Actor (*Hunter*)
December 18	Chris Farley	33	Comedian (*Saturday Night Live*)
December 25	Denver Pyle	77	Actor (Uncle Jesse on *The Dukes of Hazzard*)

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1998 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1998**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and channel initiations, closures and rebrandings, as well as information about controversies and disputes.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
5	An affiliation swap occurs in Sacramento, California: KMAX-TV switches its affiliation to UPN after being purchased by Paramount Stations Group, while The WB affiliates with KQCA.
12	CBS acquires the rights to the AFC of the NFL as part of a $4 billion, eight-year contract; Fox and ABC renew their agreements for the NFC and Monday Night Football, respectively (Super Bowl XXXII, broadcast on January 25, would be NBC's last NFL game until 2006).

February[edit]

Date	Event
9	Prevue Channel (now Pop) revamps its programming to include short-form segments. The revamp lasts until January 31, 1999, when the channel is renamed TV Guide Channel.

March[edit]

Date	Event
10	Showtime launches a new multiplex channel, Showtime Extreme, which airs action and adventure films, thrillers, gangster films and sporting events. The channel's launch coincided with Viacom's channels (excluding the Showtime networks) moving from USSB to DirecTV.
29	BBC Worldwide debuts BBC America.

April[edit]

Date	Event
9	*The Price Is Right*'s 5,000th episode is broadcast on CBS. On the show, every pricing game is played for a car (something *Price* had only done once before. It has been repeated only once since then). At the beginning of the show, CBS announces it has renamed Studio 33 (the studio at CBS Television City where *The Price Is Right* has taped since its 1972 return) the Bob Barker Studios in honor of the show's then-host and executive producer.
11	The National Cable Television Association announces they will discontinue the CableACE awards, due to the Emmy Awards recognizing cable programming.
18	Toon Disney – devoted to carrying animated series and movies, 24 hours a day, is launched by The Walt Disney Company.
24	A second special episode of *Dallas*, *Dallas: War of the Ewings*, airs on CBS seven years after the original series finished.

May[edit]

Date	Event

11	*ZDTV*, a technology-based cable channel, debuts.
14	76.3 million people tune in to The Finale of *Seinfeld* on NBC.
28	Former *Saturday Night Live* actor and comedian Phil Hartman, then featuring on the NBC sitcom *NewsRadio*, and announcer of Cartoon Network is shot and killed by his wife (who then kills herself). Hartman is replaced by the Simpsons' Harry Shearer.

June[edit]

Date	Event
11	United Video Satellite Group, parent company of the Prevue Channel (now Pop), acquires *TV Guide* from News Corporation for $800 million and 60 million shares of stock worth an additional $1.2 billion. In recognition of this, Prevue Channel will rebrand to the TV Guide Channel on February 1, 1999.[1][2]
29	Lifetime Movie Network, a movie channel from Lifetime, debuts.

August[edit]

Date	Event
15	More than a year after its acquisition by News Corporation's Fox Kids Worldwide, Inc., The Family Channel is re-initiated as Fox Family Channel, with the network now targeting a younger family-oriented audience than that of its predecessor.
	A pre-season football game in Vancouver, British Columbia between the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks is CBS's first NFL football broadcast since January 1994.
16	KATH-LP in Juneau, Alaska signs on the air, giving the Juneau market its first full-time NBC affiliate. The sign-on was delayed for a month due to delays in receiving the equipment required to place the station on the local GCI cable system (Sister station KSCT-

	LP in Sitka, the market's former Fox affiliate, had already switched to NBC).[3][4]
31	Pax TV (now named Ion Television), a family-oriented broadcast network owned by Paxson Communications, begins broadcasting. The network was originally carried for Paxson-owned stations by a number of paid programming services (as well as the overnight christian block The Worship Network), branded as the *Infomall Television Network* until at the time of its network launch.[5]

September[edit]

Date	Event
14	The revived edition of *Hollywood Squares* resumes syndication. Tom Bergeron serves as host.
21	The WB launches its programming service of cable-only networks, branded as the 100+ Station Group. It was originally known as *The WeB*, which was from its launch until March of next year. Several cable providers that carried The WB's programming on WGN Superstation feed (until it was dropped the following September) were replaced by its own service.[6]

October[edit]

Date	Event
4	UPN adds two additional nights of programming to its schedule with primetime series added to Friday nights, including a movie block on Thursday nights.
29	ABC affiliate WKOW (Madison, Wisconsin) airs one of the first High-definition television broadcasts in digital television.

November[edit]

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20	*The Rugrats Movie*, based on Nickelodeon's hit series *Rugrats* is released in theaters. The movie introduces the character of Dil Pickles, who became a main character in *Rugrats* the following January. *The Rugrats Movie* was a commercial success, making a grand total of $100,494,675 domestically and another $40,400,000 in international markets.[7]

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 1	*A Baby Story*	TLC
January 3	*A Place of Our Own*	PBS
January 5	*The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*	PTV
January 8	*Crime Stories*	Court TV
	WCW Thunder	TBS
January 9	*Kids Say the Darndest Things*	CBS
January 20	*Dawson's Creek*	The WB
January 26	*Special Report with Bret Baier*	Fox News Channel
February 1	*Fox & Friends*	
February 6	*Power Rangers in Space*	Fox Kids

February 7	*Silver Surfer*	
February 28	*Bug Juice*	Disney Channel
March 10	*Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place*	ABC
	Weather Center	The Weather Channel
March 15	*PB&J Otter*	Playhouse Disney
March 17	*For Your Love*	NBC
	LateLine	
March 24	*True Life*	MTV
April 2	*World's Wildest Police Videos*	Fox
April 4	*CatDog*	Nickelodeon
April 6	*Teletubbies*	PTV
April 13	*The Love Boat: The Next Wave*	UPN
April 20	*Kelly Kelly*	The WB
May 11	*Call for Help*	ZDTV

	Internet Tonight	
	The Screen Savers	
	Silicon Spin	
May 14	*Celebrity Deathmatch*	MTV
June 1	*The Challenge*	
June 6	*Sex and the City*	HBO
	Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford	Syndication
June 8	*Invasion America*	The WB
June 11	*Forgive or Forget*	Syndication
June 22	*The Howie Mandel Show*	
	Faux Pause	Game Show Network
July 4	*GameSpot TV*	ZDTV
July 13	*The Sifl and Olly Show*	MTV
July 19	*Oh Yeah! Cartoons*	Nickelodeon
August 1	*Linc's*	Showtime

August 5	*Whose Line Is It Anyway?*	ABC
August 11	*Zoog Disney*	Disney Channel
August 18	*Maggie*	Lifetime
August 23	*Holding the Baby*	Fox
	That '70s Show	
August 26	*Oh Baby*	Lifetime
August 31	*Hercules: The Animated Series*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
	The Reel to Reel Picture Show	PAX TV
September 1	*Book TV*	C-SPAN2
	NFL Live	ESPN2
	Cousin Skeeter	Nickelodeon
	The Wild Thornberrys	
September 5	*The Secret Files of the Spy Dogs*	Fox Kids
September 6	*It's a Miracle*	PAX TV
September 7	*The Mystic Knights of Tir Na Nog*	Fox Kids

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	Mythic Warriors	
September 21	*The Brian Benben Show*	CBS
September 21	*The King of Queens*	CBS
September 21	*L.A. Doctors*	CBS
September 21	*Donny & Marie*	Syndication
September 21	*Felicity*	The WB
September 21	*Hyperion Bay*	The WB
September 21	*Conrad Bloom*	NBC
September 21	*Will and Grace*	NBC
September 22	*Encore! Encore!*	NBC
September 22	*The Hughleys*	ABC
September 22	*Sports Night*	ABC
September 23	*The Secret Lives of Men*	ABC
September 24	*Jesse*	NBC
September 25	*Buddy Faro*	CBS

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	Mortal Kombat: Konquest	Syndication
October 4	*Rolie Polie Olie*	Playhouse Disney
	Air America	Syndication
October 5	*Inquizition*	GSN
	Noddy	PTV
	DiResta	UPN
	Guys Like Us	
	The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer	
October 6	*Mercy Point*	
October 7	*Charmed*	The WB
	Out of the Box	Playhouse Disney
	Seven Days	UPN
October 9	*Legacy*	
October 10	*Brats of the Lost Nebula*	Kid's WB
	Raging Planet	Discovery Channel

October 11	*Malibu, CA*	Syndication
October 16	*Trinity*	NBC
October 17	*Wind on Water*	
October 20	*The FBI Files*	Discovery Channel
October 23	*Brimstone*	Fox
October 25	*The Famous Jett Jackson*	Disney Channel
October 27	*Reunited*	UPN
November 2	*Becker*	CBS
	Jay Jay the Jet Plane	TLC
November 7	*Little Men*	PAX TV
November 18	*The Powerpuff Girls*	Cartoon Network
December 1	*Comedy Central Presents*	Comedy Central

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*413 Hope St.*	1997

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February 27	*The Gregory Hines Show*	
March 2	*Sparks*	1996
March 4	*101 Dalmatians: The Series*	1997
March 6	*Hiller and Diller*	
March 14	*Teen Angel*	
March 15	*The Tom Show*	
March 16	*George & Leo*	
March 20	*Ninja Turtles: The Next Mutation*	
April 25	*The Adventures of Sam & Max: Freelance Police*	
April 27	*Brooklyn South*	
May 3	*Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher*	1996
May 4	*Alright Already*	1997
May 14	*Seinfeld*	1989
May 16	*Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*	1993
	Silver Surfer	1998

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July 7	*Invasion America*	1998
July 13	*Cybill*	1995
July 17	*Family Matters*	1989
July 18	*Timecop*	1997
July 22	*Ellen*	1994
July 25	*Weird Science*	
August 14	*The Family Channel*	1990
September 3	*The Statler Brothers Show*	1991
September 23	*The RuPaul Show*	1996
October 2	*Wishbone*	1995
October 12	*The Brian Benben Show*	1998
October 16	*Living in Captivity*	
October 17	*The Spooktacular New Adventures of Casper*	1996
October 28	*The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer*	1998
November 6	*Trinity*	

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December 31	*This Week in Baseball*	1977

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New/Returning network	Date of return
The NFL Today	1994	CBS	Same	September 6
Hollywood Squares	1989	Syndication		September 14
Match Game	1991	ABC	Syndication	September 21

Change of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
For Your Love	NBC	The WB
The Magic School Bus	PTV	Fox Kids
Sailor Moon	USA Network	Cartoon Network
Dragon Ball Z	Syndication	
Flipper		PAX

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability

January 4	Coco Jones	Actress (*So Random!*, *Good Luck Charlie*)
January 23	Rachel Crow	Actress
January 24	Ariel Winter	Actress (*Modern Family*)
February 15	Zachary Gordon	Actor (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*)
March 22	Paola Andino	Actress (*Every Witch Way*)
April 6	Peyton List	Actress (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Jessie*, *Bunk'd*)
	Spencer List	Actor
April 9	Elle Fanning	Actress
April 24	Ryan Newman	Actress (*Zeke and Luther*, *See Dad Run*)
June 16	Lauren Taylor	Actress (*Best Friends Whenever*) and singer
June 19	Atticus Shaffer	Actor (*The Middle*, *Steven Universe*)
June 24	Coy Stewart	Actor (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
July 7	Dylan Sprayberry	Actor (*Teen Wolf*)
July 8	Jaden Smith	Actor
July 9	Robert Capron	Actor (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*)

July 10	Haley Pullos	Actress (*General Hospital*)
July 22	Madison Pettis	Actress (*Cory in the House*, *Life with Boys*, *Lab Rats*)
July 24	Bindi Irwin	Australian actress (*Dancing with the Stars* season 21 [winner])
	Logan Grove	Voice actor (Gumball on *The Amazing World of Gumball* (2011–14)
August 1	Khamani Griffin	Actor (*All of Us*, *Carpoolers*)
August 8	Shawn Mendes	Canadian singer
August 13	Devan Leos	Actor (*Mighty Med*)
August 25	China Anne McClain	Actress (*Tyler Perry's House of Payne*, *A.N.T. Farm*) and singer
September 4	Elizabeth Elias	Actress (*Every Witch Way*)
October 28	Nolan Gould	Actor (*Modern Family*)
November 22	Eric Unger	Actor
November 23	Bradley Steven Perry	Actor (*Good Luck Charlie*, *Mighty Med*, *Lab Rats: Elite Force*)
November 24	Peyton Meyer	Actor (*Girl Meets World*)
December 2	Amber Montana	Actress (*The Haunted Hathaways*)

December 22	G Hannelius	Actress (*Dog with a Blog*) and singer
December 23	Jackie Radinsky	Actor (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
December 29	Paris Berelc	Actress (*Mighty Med*, *Lab Rats: Elite Force*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 4	Mae Questel	89	Actress (voice of Olive Oyl in *Popeye the Sailor*)
January 5	Sonny Bono	62	Singer and entertainer (*The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*)
January 21	Jack Lord	77	Actor (Steve McGarrett on *Hawaii Five-O*)
February 19	Grandpa Jones	84	Comedian and musician (*Hee Haw*)
February 23	Philip Abbott	74	Actor (*The F.B.I.*)
March 10	Lloyd Bridges	85	Actor (Mike Nelson on *Sea Hunt*)
April 17	Linda McCartney	56	Musician (guest star on *The Simpsons*) (Paul McCartney's wife)
May 14	Frank Sinatra	82	Actor and producer

Date	Name	Age	Notability
May 28	Phil Hartman	49	Actor, comedian (*Saturday Night Live*, *The Simpsons, NewsRadio*)
July 6	Roy Rogers	86	Actor (*The Roy Rogers Show*)
July 21	Robert Young	91	Actor (*Father Knows Best*, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*)
July 30	Buffalo Bob Smith	80	Children's show host (*Howdy Doody*)
August 2	Shari Lewis	65	Puppeteer (*Lamb Chop's Play-Along*)
September 23	Mary Frann	55	Actress (Joanna on *Newhart*)
October 3	Roddy McDowall	70	Actor (*Tales of the Gold Monkey*)
November 17	Dick O'Neill	70	Actor (*Family Matters*, *Home Improvement*)
	Esther Rolle	78	Actress (Florida on *Maude* and *Good Times*)
December 6	Michael Zaslow	56	Actor (Roger Thorpe on *Guiding Light*)
December 14	Norman Fell	74	Actor (Stanley Roper on *Three's Company*)
December 22 or 23	Michelle Thomas	30	Actress (Myra on *Family Matters*, Justine on *The Cosby Show*)
December 25	Richard Paul	58	Actor (*Carter Country*, *Match Game*)

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1999 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 1999**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and channel initiations, closures and re-brandings, as well as information about controversies and disputes.

Events[edit]

Date	Event
January 1	The Biography Channel, a spinoff of A&E Network, launches.
	DIY Network, a spinoff of Home and Garden Television, launches.
January 6	Bob Newhart receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

January 11	Jon Stewart debuts as host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, replacing Craig Kilborn who moves to CBS to succeed Tom Snyder as host of *The Late Late Show*.
February 1	Prevue Channel re-brands as TV Guide Channel while
	HBO Family, HBO's fourth multiplex channel, is re-launched and premieres four new shows; *A Little Curious*, *George and Martha*, *Anthony Ant* and *Crashbox*.
February 2	Noggin debuts.
March 1	Nickelodeon Games and Sports for Kids debuts.
March 26	Tom Snyder's last show on CBS' *The Late Late Show*. The following Monday, Craig Kilborn, late of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, takes his place as the show's host.
April 12	NBC announces the cancellation of its long-running daytime drama *Another World* after years of declining ratings (a new serial, *Passions*, replaces *AW* on July 5).
May 1	Starz! launches two multiplex channels; Starz! Cinema and Starz! Family.
May 6	HBO launches two multiplex channels; HBO Zone and HBO Comedy.
May 21	Susan Lucci receives a Daytime Emmy Award for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera *All My Children*, after eighteen failed nominations during previous years. The ceremony is telecast live on CBS.
June 11	Cartoon Cartoon Fridays premieres on Cartoon Network.
June 12	Esquire Network debuts as the Style Network.
July 18	*The Simpsons* actor Hank Azaria marries actress Helen Hunt. The couple would file for divorce over a year later.

August 30	Countess Vaughn leaves the cast of *Moesha* to star in her own television spin-off *The Parkers* with Mo'Nique, making her the first female African-American comedian to receive a spin-off.
September 6	A big day for children's television: On PBS, PTV is completely re-branded as PBS Kids with new IDs, bumpers, and promos, whilst on UPN, a new weekly block called Disney's One Too debuts, a spinoff of ABC's Disney's One Saturday Morning.
	In Schenectady, New York, PBS member station WMHQ is relaunched as WEWB-TV, a commercial broadcast station affiliated with The WB Television Network (the Capital District's first affiliate of that network).
September 12	The 51st Primetime Emmy Awards presentation aired on Fox.
September 20	After a four-year hiatus, *Family Feud* resumes with a new host, Louie Anderson, a new set and a new theme.
	After four years, WGN's superstation feed drops programming from The WB and Kids' WB at the request of the network. The network's programs are replaced by movie, sports from Chicago's sporting teams and other broadcasts.
October 1	The infamous "YOU FOOL!" episode of *Hollywood Squares* airs.
November 19	John Carpenter becomes the first player on ABC's game show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* to win $1,000,000.
December 17	10th anniversary of the first half-hour episode of Fox's *The Simpsons*.
December 31	ABC participates in the global broadcast *2000 Today* with *ABC 2000 Today*. Peter Jennings anchors ABC's broadcast of the special from New York City, joined later by Dick Clark who hosts the countdown in Times Square.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 1	*The Blame Game*	MTV
	Cold Case Files	A&E
	Early Today	NBC
	Scrapbook Memories	DIY Network
January 4	*Ed, Edd n Eddy*	Cartoon Network
January 5	*Total Recall 2070*	Showtime
January 8	*Providence*	NBC
January 10	*Batman Beyond*	Kids' WB
	The Sopranos	HBO
	The PJs	Fox
January 13	*60 Minutes II*	CBS
January 18	*So Weird*	Disney Channel
January 25	*Zoboomafoo*	PBS

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March 30	*The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*	CBS
April 26	*Home Movies*	UPN
May 1	*Mickey Mouse Works*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
	SpongeBob SquarePants	Nickelodeon
May 8	*The New Woody Woodpecker Show*	Fox Kids
June 10	*The Chimp Channel*	TBS
June 19	*Beggars and Choosers*	Showtime
July 5	*Passions*	NBC
July 7	*Good Eats*	Food Network
July 11	*Making the Video*	MTV
July 26	*Undressed*	
	Phred on Your Head Show	Noggin
August 1	*Grown Ups*	UPN
August 3	*Downtown*	MTV
August 9	*Independent Lens*	PBS

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	The Martin Short Show	
	The Queen Latifah Show	
	Fox Report	Fox News Channel
September 16	*Action*	Fox
September 18	*Beast Machines: Transformers*	Fox Kids
	Monster Rancher	
	Rescue Heroes	CBS Kidshow
September 19	*Judging Amy*	CBS
September 20	*Family Law*	
	Ladies Man	
	Judge Mathis	Syndication
	Safe Harbor	The WB
	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	NBC
September 21	*The Mike O'Malley Show*	
	Once and Again	ABC

September 22	*Oh, Grow Up*	
September 22	*The West Wing*	NBC
September 23	*Stark Raving Mad*	NBC
September 23	*Third Watch*	NBC
September 24	*Cold Feet*	NBC
September 24	*Mission Hill*	The WB
September 24	*Now and Again*	CBS
September 24	*Odd Man Out*	ABC
September 25	*Freaks and Geeks*	NBC
September 25	*Xyber 9: New Dawn*	Fox Kids
September 26	*Snoops*	ABC
September 26	*Jack & Jill*	The WB
September 29	*Popular*	The WB
September 29	*Judge Mathis*	Syndication
September 29	*Work with Me*	CBS

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	The Amanda Show	
October 18	*Farmclub.com*	USA Network
October 25	*Time of Your Life*	Fox
October 30	*The Avengers: United They Stand*	Fox Kids
November 1	*The Early Show*	CBS
November 4	*Greed*	Fox
November 12	*Mike, Lu, & Og*	Cartoon Network
	Courage the Cowardly Dog	
November 28	*Little Bill*	Nick Jr.
November 29	*webRIOT*	MTV

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Title	Debut
January 2	*Birdz*	1998
	Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego?	1994
January 16	*The New Batman Adventures*	1997

January 18	*The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*	1998
	Guys Like Us	
	Toonsylvania	
January 20	*Brats of the Lost Nebula*	
	Encore! Encore!	
January 25	*Working*	1997
February 11	*Cupid*	1998
February 21	*The Little Lulu Show*	1995
February 27	*Mad Jack the Pirate*	1998
	The Mr. Potato Head Show	
March 1	*DiResta*	
	Hercules	
March 7	*Beast Wars*	1996
March 8	*Hyperion Bay*	1998
March 11	*Jumanji*	1996

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May 22	*Cracker*	1997
	Viper	1994
May 23	*Sister, Sister*	
	Unhappily Ever After	1995
May 24	*Mad About You*	1992
	Melrose Place	
	Home Movies (returned in 2001)	1999
	The Sentinel	1996
May 25	*Clueless*	
	Home Improvement	1991
May 29	*Hard Copy*	1989
June 2	*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*	1993
June 11	*Unsolved Mysteries* (returned in 2001)	1987
June 23	*The Nanny*	1993
	Turning Point	1994

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	Cold Feet	1999
November 8	*Downtown*	
November 22	*Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*	1995
November 28	*Safe Harbor*	1999
December 10	*Dexter's Laboratory* (returned in 2001)	1996
December 18	*Power Rangers Lost Galaxy*	1999
	Snoops	
December 28	*Oh, Grow Up*	
December 31	*Sunset Beach*	1997

Returning this year[edit]

Title	Last aired	Previous network	New/same network	Date of return
Zoom	1978	PBS	Same	January 4
Are You Afraid of the Dark?	1996	Nickelodeon		February 6
Johnny Bravo	1997	Cartoon Network		July 2
Divorce Court	1992	Syndication		September 7

Family Feud	1995			September 20

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Franklin	CBS Kidshow	Nick Jr.
Ace Ventura: Pet Detective	CBS	Nickelodeon
ReBoot (US terrestrial rights)	ABC	Cartoon Network
Pokémon	Syndication	Kids' WB
Timon & Pumbaa		Toon Disney
Rupert	Nick Jr.	CBS Kidshow

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Title	Channel	Date of airing
Great Expectations	PBS	May 9
Joan of Arc	CBS	May 15
Atomic Train	NBC	May 16
A Lesson Before Dying	HBO	May 22

Pirates of Silicon Valley	TNT	June 20
Cinderelmo	FOX	December 6

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 18	Karan Brar	Actor (*Jessie*, *Bunk'd*)
January 22	Ricky Garcia	Actor (*Best Friends Whenever*)
February 10	Tiffany Espensen	Actress (*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*, *Kirby Buckets*)
March 5	Madison Beer	American singer
March 20	Olivia Stuck	Actress (*Kirby Buckets*)
April 2	Sophie Reynolds	Actress (*Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*)
April 6	Kwesi Boakye	Voice actor (Darwin on *The Amazing World of Gumball* (2011–14)
April 7	Conner Rayburn	Actor (*According to Jim*)
April 9	Isaac Hempstead-Wright	English actor (*Game of Thrones*)
May 5	Jonny Gray	Actor (*Max & Shred*)

May 11	Sabrina Carpenter	Actress (*Girl Meets World*) and singer
May 25	Brec Bassinger	Actress (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
May 28	Cameron Boyce	Actor (*Jessie*, *Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*)
May 30	Sean Giambrone	Actor (*The Goldbergs*, *Clarence*)
June 20	Kayla Maisonet	Actress (*Dog with a Blog*, *Stuck in the Middle*)
June 27	Chandler Riggs	Actor (*The Walking Dead*)
July 5	Gus Kamp	Actor (*Best Friends Whenever*)
August 4	Kelly Gould	Actress (*Rita Rocks*, *Jessie*)
August 13	Corey Fogelmanis	Actor (*Girl Meets World*)
August 21	Maxim Knight	Actor (*Falling Skies*)
September 7	Cameron Ocasio	Actor (*Sam & Cat*)
September 9	Ronni Hawk	Actress (*Stuck in the Middle*)
September 13	Zoey Burger	Actress (*Every Witch Way*)
October 13	Nell Tiger Free	English actress (*Game of Thrones*)
October 15	Bailee Madison	Actress (*Trophy Wife*, *Once Upon a Time*)

November 1	Buddy Handleson	Actor (*Shake It Up*, *Wendell and Vinnie*, *Bella and the Bulldogs*)
November 10	Kiernan Shipka	Actress (*Mad Men*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 4	Iron Eyes Cody	94	Actor (well-known for an anti-littering campaign ad of the 1970s)
February 20	Gene Siskel	53	Film critic (co-host of *Siskel & Ebert*)
March 22	David Strickland	29	Actor (Todd Stities on *Suddenly Susan*)
March 30	Gary Morton	74	Producer, second husband of Lucille Ball
April 10	Jean Vander Pyl	79	Voice actor (Wilma Flintstone on *The Flintstones* and Rosie the Robot Maid on *The Jetsons*)
April 14	Ellen Corby	87	Actress (Grandma Esther Walton on *The Waltons*)
May 8	Dana Plato	34	Actress (Kimberly Drummond on *Diff'rent Strokes*)
May 23	Owen Hart	34	Wrestler (Superstar on WWF RAW is WAR)
June 11	DeForest Kelley	79	Actor (Bones McCoy on *Star Trek*)
July 16	John F.	38	American lawyer

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Kennedy Jr.		
July 20	Sandra Gould	82	Actress (Gladys Kravitz #2 on *Bewitched*)
August 23	Martha Rountree	87	Broadcast journalist (*Meet the Press*)
August 24	Mary Jane Croft	83	Actress (*I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy Show*, *Here's Lucy*)
September 5	Allen Funt	84	Creator and host of *Candid Camera*
November 9	Mabel King	66	Actress (Mabel Thomas on *What's Happening!!*)
November 11	Mary Kay Bergman	38	Voice actress (*South Park*)
November 29	Gene Rayburn	81	Host of *Match Game*
December 3	Madeline Kahn	57	Actress
December 28	Clayton Moore	85	Actor (*The Lone Ranger*)

2000 in American television

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Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
5	*All My Children* celebrates its 30th anniversary.
15	David Letterman undergoes quintuple heart bypass surgery in New York-Presbyterian Hospital, following an angiogram that revealed that one of his arteries was constricted seriously.
17	Robin Givens replaces Mother Love as host of the talk show series *Forgive or Forget*.
20	SoapNet, a channel dedicated to daytime/primetime soap operas, debuts.

February[edit]

Date	Event
2	Oxygen debuts.
15	Rick Rockwell marries stranger Darva Conger watched by 22 million viewers on the Fox reality show *Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?* While he and Darva are honeymooning, it becomes apparent that Rockwell—who is sometimes a comedian—had a restraining order against a former girlfriend, and he was not really a multi-millionaire. As a result, Fox cancels a rerun scheduled the next week, and does not broadcast any new installments. In addition the couple end their relationship soon after the show's taping.
21	David Letterman resumes work after his quintuple heart bypass surgery during January. Letterman brings all of the doctors that had performed the operation out on stage with him, including Dr. O. Wayne Isom and physician Louis Aronne, who makes frequent appearances on the show. In an unusual show of emotion, Letterman is nearly in tears as he thanked the doctors. The episode earned an Emmy Award nomination. Letterman's father died of heart failure while still in his 50s.

25	Kids' WB premieres its first computer-generated TV series, *Max Steel*.

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	The final regional SportsChannel in the Florida market ends operations under that branding, converting to Fox Sports Florida.
	fXM: Movies from Fox rebrands as the Fox Movie Channel.

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	Boomerang, a secondary digital Cartoon Network channel, debuts.

May[edit]

Date	Event
8	VH1 Classic, a spinoff of the cable music channel VH1, debuts.
17	16.8 million American viewers watched the 2-hour final episode of *Beverly Hills, 90210* on FOX.
19	The 27th Daytime Emmy Awards presentation was broadcast.
24	The season finale of *Dawson's Creek*, entitled "True Love", broadcasts U.S. television's first male gay kiss.[citation needed]

July[edit]

Date	Event
3	KNTV (channel 11) in San Jose, California drops its ABC affiliation for the Monterey Bay area and begins carrying minimal programming from The WB. (At that time, The WB affiliate for the Bay Area was KBWB channel 20).
5	*Big Brother* premieres in the United States. The series is considered a major failure and is reformatted for the next season.
28	Kathie Lee Gifford made her final appearance as co-host on *Live!*, after 17 years (eleven and a half years for national syndication). Regis Philbin will continue to serve the sole host until Kelly Ripa introduced as new co-host the following year.

August[edit]

Date	Event
3	KBEJ Channel 2, (now KCWX) commences programming in Fredericksburg, Texas, taking the Austin market's UPN affiliation from low-powered station KVC 13 and returning full-time UPN service to San Antonio (between KRRT (now KMYS)'s switch to The WB in 1998 and KBEJ's sign-on), NBC affiliate KMOL-TV aired UPN programming on a secondary basis).
4	*Oobi* premieres on Noggin.
21	ZDTV is renamed TechTV.

September[edit]

Date	Event
10	The *52nd Primetime Emmy Awards* presentation was broadcast on ABC.

15	The 2000 Summer Olympics are televised by NBC. Opening ceremonies were watched by 27 and a half million viewers.
16	Viacom already enters it's partnership with CBS and the CBS Kidshow was renamed to Nick Jr. on CBS.
21	The 30th anniversary of Monday Night Football on ABC.
25	TNN is rebranded The National Network, known as The New TNN.
29	Eddie McGee wins the first American season of *Big Brother*, winning $500,000.
30	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch debuts.

October[edit]

Date	Event
2	Triple Play is played for the first time on *The Price Is Right*. This is the first pricing game of the show's history to offer three cars.

November[edit]

Date	Event
2	*Wheel of Fortune* airs a Halloween-themed episode for celebrities on charity. The celebrities in Halloween costumes were *Jeopardy!* host Alex Trebek, fitness instructor Richard Simmons and American figure skater Tara Lipinski.

December[edit]

Date	Event

14	Barker's Beauties Janice Pennington and Kathleen Bradley both quit CBS's series *The Price Is Right*. (On her broadcast run, Pennington has been on the series since its premiere during 1972.) Starting the following day, auditions to find new Barker's Beauties are held for several months. In the end, Claudia Jordan and Heather Kozar are selected as permanent models.
22	Bianca Montgomery, played by Eden Riegel for the soap opera *All My Children*, reveals herself as a lesbian to her mother, Erica Kane (played by Susan Lucci).
31	ABC broadcasts "Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve" at 10 p.m. ET for the first time ever, followed by local news or programming and then the main "New Year's Rockin' Eve.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 3	*Your Weather Today*	The Weather Channel
January 8	*Winning Lines*	CBS
January 9	*Malcolm in the Middle*	Fox
January 12	*Higher Ground*	Fox Family
January 16	*City of Angels*	CBS
January 17	*Cleopatra 2525*	Syndication
January 22	*Jack of All Trades*	
January 23	*Hollywood Showdown*	PAX TV

January 24	*Brutally Normal*	The WB
	Double Dare 2000	Nickelodeon
February 5	*The Others*	NBC
February 12	*Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue*	Fox Kids
February 16	*Diary*	MTV
February 25	*Max Steel*	Kids' WB
February 26	*The Weekenders*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
March 6	*Mobile Suit Gundam Wing*	Cartoon Network
March 7	*Secret Agent Man*	UPN
March 11	*Caitlin's Way*	Nickelodeon
March 20	*First Outlook*	The Weather Channel
March 21	*The Beat*	UPN
March 22	*Then Came You*	ABC
March 23	*Battery Park*	NBC
	Daddio	

March 27	*Crush*	USA Network
March 30	*Wonderland*	ABC
March 31	*Call of the Wild*	Animal Planet
April 1	*MasterChef USA*	PBS
April 2	*D.C.*	The WB
April 3	*Between the Lions*	PBS Kids
April 4	*Falcone*	CBS
April 11	*Talk to Me*	ABC
April 12	*Jackass*	MTV
April 13	*Food 911*	Food Network
May 15	*Secrets of the Dead*	PBS
May 31	*Survivor*	CBS
June 16	*Strip Mall*	Comedy Central
June 17	*Even Stevens*	Disney Channel
June 20	*Shooting Gallery*	Outdoor Channel

June 26	*Resurrection Blvd.*	Showtime
June 28	*Soul Food*	
July 3	*Masters of Illusion*	PAX TV
July 5	*Big Brother*	CBS
July 12	*Young Americans*	The WB
July 23	*The Brothers Garcia*	Nickelodeon
	Strong Medicine	Lifetime
July 24	*Mysterious Ways*	PAX TV
August 9	*Live Through This*	MTV
August 12	*BattleBots*	Comedy Central
August 14	*Dora the Explorer*	Nick Jr.
September 4	*Caillou*	PBS Kids
	Clifford the Big Red Dog	
September 9	*Jackie Chan Adventures*	Kids' WB
	Teacher's Pet	Disney's One Saturday Morning

September 11	*106 & Park*	BET
	Girlfriends	UPN
September 16	*Blue's Clues*	Nick Jr. on CBS
	Dora the Explorer	
	Little Bear	
	Little Bill	
	Franklin	
	Kipper	
	Maggie and the Ferocious Beast	
	Maisy	
September 22	*Grosse Pointe*	The WB
September 23	*Static Shock*	
	Just Deal	NBC
September 24	*Every Woman*	Syndication
September 30	*Fear*	MTV

	Corduroy	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
	Elliot Moose	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
	George Shrinks	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
	Marvin the Tap-Dancing Horse	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
	Seven Little Monsters	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
	Timothy Goes to School	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch
October 1	*That's Life*	CBS
October 2	*Yes, Dear*	CBS
October 2	*Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda*	Sci-Fi Channel
October 2	*Deadline*	NBC
October 2	*Tucker*	NBC
October 2	*History IQ*	The History Channel
October 2	*Moral Court*	Syndication
October 2	*Street Smarts*	Syndication
October 2	*Pelswick*	Nickelodeon

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October 10	*The Geena Davis Show*	ABC
	Gideon's Crossing	
October 11	*Bette*	CBS
	Welcome to New York	
	A Makeover Story	TLC
October 13	*Trading Spaces*	
October 14	*Buzz Lightyear of Star Command*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
October 15	*Curb Your Enthusiasm*	HBO
October 21	*Cheaters*	Syndication
	The Fearing Mind	Fox Family
October 23	*Scariest Places on Earth*	
	Boston Public	Fox
October 24	*The Michael Richards Show*	NBC
October 25	*As Told By Ginger*	Nickelodeon

October 26	*Cursed*	NBC
October 27	*Freedom*	UPN
	Level 9	
November 1	*Normal, Ohio*	Fox
	The $treet	
November 4	*X-Men: Evolution*	Kids' WB
November 10	*Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz*	Cartoon Network
November 14	*DAG*	NBC
November 17	*Sheep in the Big City*	Cartoon Network
December 3	*The Living Century*	PBS
	Queer as Folk	Showtime
December 6	*TV Funhouse*	Comedy Central
December 8	*Dot Comedy*	ABC
December 21	*The Brak Show*	Cartoon Network
	Sealab 2021	

December 30	*Aqua Teen Hunger Force*	
	Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law	

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New network	Return date
Twenty One	1958	CBS	NBC	January 9
Ripley's Believe It or Not!	1986	ABC	TBS	January 12
Double Dare	1993	Nickelodeon	*Double Dare 2000*	January 24
Supermarket Sweep	1995	Lifetime	PAX TV	April 3
Shop 'til You Drop	1998	The Family Channel		
Sailor Moon		Cartoon Network	same	June 12
This Week in Baseball		Syndication	Fox	July 12
To Tell the Truth	1991	NBC	Syndication	September 18
The Further Adventures of Zook & Alison	1994	PTV	Noggin	September 21

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 2	*The Moxy Show*	1993
January 5	*It's Like, You Know...*	1999
January 7	*Odd Man Out*	
January 22	*KaBlam!*	1996
January 30	*Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*	1995
February 4	*Sliders*	
February 12	*The Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries*	
	Superman: The Animated Series	1996
	The New Batman/Superman Adventures	1997
February 16	*Noddy*	1998
February 26	*The Avengers: United They Stand*	1999
February 27	*Sabrina: The Animated Series*	
March 2	*I Am Weasel*	1997

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May 16	*Sports Night*	
May 17	*Beverly Hills, 90210*	1990
May 19	*Donny & Marie*	1998
	Harsh Realm	1999
May 22	*Malcolm & Eddie*	1996
May 25	*Jesse*	1998
May 26	*Forgive or Forget*	
May 27	*Early Edition*	1996
June 9	*The Dating Game*	
June 11	*Are You Afraid of the Dark?*	1991
June 27	*Veronica's Closet*	1997
July 1	*Profiler*	1996
July 8	*Freaks and Geeks*	1999
July 13	*Stark Raving Mad*	
July 15	*All That* (returned in 2002)	1994

	Kenan and Kel	1996
July 16	*Mission Hill* (returned in 2002)	1999
July 18	*Love & Money*	
July 25	*Dilbert*	
August 1	*Shasta McNasty*	
August 30	*Young Americans*	2000
September 9	*CBS Kidshow*	1998
September 10	*Double Dare*	1986
October 15	*PB&J Otter*	1998
November 16	*Sailor Moon*	1995
November 18	*Pepper Ann*	1997
	Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue	2000
	Beast Machines	1999
November 24	*The Roseanne Show*	1998
December 9	*Mickey Mouse Works*	1999

December 26	*Suddenly Susan*	1996

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Candid Camera	CBS	ION Television
Rupert	CBS Kidshow	Playhouse Disney
The Hughleys	ABC	UPN
Recess	ABC	UPN
Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	ABC	The WB
The PJs	Fox	The WB
This Week in Baseball	Syndication	Fox
WWE Raw	USA Network	Spike TV

Miniseries[edit]

Title	Channel	Premiere
The 10th Kingdom	NBC	February 27
The Corner	HBO	April 16

Arabian Nights	ABC	April 30
Jesus	CBS	May 14

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
January 8	Noah Cyrus	Actress (*Hannah Montana*)
February 1	Paris Smith	Actress (*Every Witch Way*)
February 10	Yara Shahidi	Actress (*Black-ish*)
February 25	Tucker Albrizzi	Actor (*Big Time Rush*, *Good Luck Charlie*)
March 6	Jacob Bertrand	Actor (*Marvin Marvin*, *Kirby Buckets*)
March 21	Jace Norman	Actor (*Henry Danger*)
June 2	Lilimar Hernandez	Venezuelan actress (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
August 3	Landry Bender	Actress (*Crash & Bernstein*, *Best Friends Whenever*)
August 5	Augie Isaac	Actor (*Mighty Med*)
August 24	Griffin Gluck	Actor (*Red Band Society*)
September 28	Frankie Jonas	Actor (*Jonas*)

October 10	Aedin Mincks	Actor (*A.N.T. Farm*)
October 11	Hayden Byerly	Actor (*The Fosters*)
October 31	Willow Smith	Actress
November 8	Jade Pettyjohn	Actress (*School of Rock*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 15	Fran Ryan	83	Character actress (Doris Ziffle #2 on *Green Acres*)
February 10	Jim Varney	50	Actor; creator of the Ernest P. Worrell character (*Hey Vern, It's Ernest!*)
February 12	Charles M. Schulz	77	Cartoonist, creator of (*Peanuts*)
March 25	Helen Martin	90	Character actress (Pearl on *227*)
April 10	Larry Linville	60	Actor (Maj. Frank Burns on *M*A*S*H*)
May 10	Craig Stevens	81	Actor (*Peter Gunn*)
June 18	Nancy Marchand	71	Actress (Livia on *The Sopranos*, Mrs. Pynchon on *Lou Grant*)
July 14	Meredith MacRae	56	Actress (*Petticoat Junction*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
August 12	Loretta Young	87	Actress (*The Loretta Young Show*)
September 14	Beah Richards	80	Actress
September 26	Richard Mulligan	67	Actor (Burt on *Soap*, Harry on *Empty Nest*)
October 18	Julie London	74	Singer, actress (*Emergency!*)
October 30	Steve Allen	78	Comedian, composer (original *The Tonight Show* host)
December 2	Gail Fisher	65	Actress (Peggy Fair on *Mannix*)
December 6	Werner Klemperer	80	Actor (Col. Klink on *Hogan's Heroes*)
December 11	David Lewis	84	Actor (Edward Quartermaine in *General Hospital*)
December 23	Victor Borge	91	Danish comedian and pianist
December 26	Jason Robards	78	Actor (*The Day After*)

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Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	After being acquired by MTV Networks, The Box, a request video music channel shuts down, replaced by MTV2 on terrestrial stations.
	In Hartford, Connecticut, UPN affiliate WTXX (now CW affiliate WCCT-TV) and WB affiliate WBNE (now MyNetworkTV affiliate WCTX) swap affiliations due to WTXX's impending purchase by Tribune Broadcasting, owners of Fox affiliate WTIC-TV (which at the time operated WTXX under a LMA) and a minority owner of The WB. WBNE, meanwhile, changes its call letters to the current WCTX and adopts new branding as "The X".
4	HBO's children's programs, including the recently cancelled *Crashbox*, are transferred to its multiplex channel HBO Family.
12	The American version of National Geographic Channel debuts.

February[edit]

Date	Event
5	Kelly Ripa joins *Live!* as a permanent co-host with Regis Philbin.

March[edit]

Date	Event
6	TEENick first airs as a Sunday night block.

26	*WCW Monday Nitro* broadcasts its final show from Panama City Beach, Florida with a simulcast with the WWF's (Now WWE's) *Monday Night RAW* television series, officially ending a six-year ratings struggle in professional wrestling known as the Monday Night Wars.

April[edit]

Date	Event
10	Kevin Olmstead wins a $2.18 million jackpot on the game show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, making him the biggest winner in American game show history until Ken Jennings' *Jeopardy!* run three years later.[1]

May[edit]

Date	Event
15	Airing of the hour-long season seven finale of *Friends* titled "The One with Monica and Chandler's Wedding"
18	The 28th Daytime Emmy Awards are presented.
23	*Star Trek: Voyager* airs its series finale with a two-part episode "Endgame".

June[edit]

Date	Event
12	TNT is refocused as a drama-based cable channel with a new slogan, *We Know Drama*.
18	Luke and Laura, widely regarded as the soap opera pairing that helped generate the term "supercouple", sign divorce papers on *General Hospital*, dissolving their fictional two-decade

	union.

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	HBO's second multiplex channel HBO Plus is renamed HBO 2, its original name from 1991 to 1998.
21	*Nickelodeon*'s hit TV series *Rugrats* celebrates its 10th anniversary with a one-hour special, *All Growed Up*, and a documentary, *Still Babies After All These Years*, narrated by Amanda Bynes

August[edit]

Date	Event
5	The Jim Henson owned cable network Odyssey is renamed Hallmark Channel
10	*Samurai Jack* premieres on Cartoon Network with the premiere movie.
31	*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* airs its final episode on PBS Kids.

September[edit]

Date	Event
2	Adult Swim, an adult-oriented programming block debuts on its Turner sister cable channel Cartoon Network.
8	Fox broadcasts the final episode of *Murder in Small Town X*, in which New York

	City firefighter Ángel Juarbe, Jr. won. Juarbe was killed on Sept. 11 during the collapse of the World Trade Center.
11	Viewers around the world witness a terrorist attack on the United States, and the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York City, live on television. Additionally, the ABC and NBC affiliates' broadcast towers are ruined by the attacks, but New Yorkers can still view them by cable and satellite. Most broadcasters abandon regular programming – American networks for more than a week – and numerous major daily talk shows are cancelled for several weeks until their hosts feel comfortable resuming programming.
	Although they were first seen during 1952 and used by some television news programs ever since, continually scrolling news headlines along the bottom of the screen become commonplace after the Fox News Channel used it to allow viewers to keep track of the latest developments during the September 11 attacks.
17	*Card Sharks* is revived with host Pat Bullard, but due to its dramatically different gameplay, it is cancelled after just 13 weeks.
20	Dr. Will Kirby is the winner of *Big Brother 2*, which was delayed by the attacks of September 11, 2001. Runner-Up Nicole Nilson-Schafrich wins $50,000.
21	All four major US networks broadcast *America: A Tribute to Heroes* a two-hour telethon to raise money for the families of those killed by the attacks.[2]
	Alex Trebek, the longtime host of *Jeopardy!*, appears for the first time without his trademark mustache.
24	The start of the 2001–2002 autumn season in the US is delayed as a result of the attacks, with some series such as *The West Wing* substituting special episodes dealing with the event in lieu of their originally scheduled season premieres. Some series, such as the military-themed series *JAG* and New York-based *Third Watch* have to be reformatted in consideration of the attacks.

October[edit]

Date	Event
2	The medical comedy Scrubs premiered on NBC.
3	In addition, several planned series and events were cancelled; most notably, a mini-series planned for spring 2002 which would have united the cast of *Law & Order*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, dealing with a terrorist attack on New York City.
20	*Concert For New York: A Tribute To Heroes* is broadcast by VH1, with performances by Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, The Who, Billy Joel and others. It raises funds for the families of those killed by the attacks.
22	A new bonus round premieres on *Wheel of Fortune*, in which a contestant can win as much as $100,000. This was not won until the December 19 episode.
24	The Walt Disney Company completes its purchase of Fox Family for $2.9 billion.

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Telemundo relaunches GEMS Television as Mun2, featuring English and Spanish language programming intended for a young Latino audience.
4	The 53rd Primetime Emmy Awards are presented on CBS. The original date was postponed 2 months ago when the September 11 attacks occurred.[3]
10	Fox Family Channel is renamed ABC Family, as News Corporation sells the channel to The Walt Disney Company.

23	*Samurai Jack* joins Cartoon Cartoon Fridays for the first time.
26	The values of clues on *Jeopardy!* are doubled.
30	The series finale of CGI cartoon series *ReBoot* is broadcast.

December[edit]

Date	Event
31	ABC broadcasts a live news special entitled *ABC 2002*, a spinoff of *ABC 2000*, which shows clips from the original special and also reflects on the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

These shows premiered in 2001:

Date	Title	Channel
January 1	*America's Test Kitchen*	PBS
	Great Hotels	Travel Channel
January 3	*Top 20 Countdown*	CMT
January 6	*How It's Made*	Discovery Science
January 7	*Lifestyle Magazine*	TBN
January 9	*The Mole*	ABC

Date	Title	Channel
	Three Sisters	NBC
January 10	*Grounded for Life*	Fox
January 11	*Gary & Mike*	UPN
January 12	*Lizzie McGuire*	Disney Channel
	Popstars	The WB
January 13	*House of Mouse*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
January 14	*Taina*	Nickelodeon
January 15	*100 Centre Street*	A&E
	Bob the Builder	Nick Jr.
January 22	*The Book of Pooh*	Playhouse Disney
January 27	*The Zeta Project*	Kids' WB
February 3	*Lloyd in Space*	Disney's One Saturday Morning
	Power Rangers Time Force	Fox Kids
February 4	*Kathy's So-Called Reality*	MTV

Date	Title	Channel
February 24	*Kate Brasher*	CBS
February 27	*The Andy Dick Show*	MTV
February 28	*Some of My Best Friends*	CBS
March 4	*The Lone Gunmen*	Fox
March 6	*The Fighting Fitzgeralds*	NBC
March 11	*Doc*	PAX TV
March 12	*The Chris Isaak Show*	Showtime
March 14	*The Job*	ABC
March 27	*What About Joan?*	
March 28	*My Wife and Kids*	
	Boot Camp	Fox
March 30	*The Fairly OddParents*	Nickelodeon
	Invader Zim	
April 1	*The Oblongs*	The WB

Date	Title	Channel
	Undergrads	MTV
April 4	*That's My Bush!*	Comedy Central
April 10	*Robotica*	TLC
April 11	*The Quarters*	TVG Network
	Special Unit 2	UPN
April 16	*The Weakest Link*	NBC
April 21	*Weekend Now*	The Weather Channel
April 22	*A Nero Wolfe Mystery*	A&E
May 5	*The Cost of Freedom*	Fox News Channel
	Dismissed	MTV
June 1	*Unwrapped*	Food Network
June 2	*Braceface*	Fox Family
	So Little Time	
June 3	*Six Feet Under*	HBO

Date	Title	Channel
June 8	*Time Squad*	Cartoon Network
June 11	*Fear Factor*	NBC
June 12	*Witchblade*	TNT
June 13	*The Beast*	ABC
June 18	*Spyder Games*	MTV
June 21	*WWE Tough Enough*	
July 10	*Cinema Insomnia*	KXTV
July 24	*Murder in Small Town X*	Fox
July 29	*Leap Years*	Showtime
August 1	*Hard Knocks*	HBO
	MythQuest	PBS
	Out There TV	America One
August 4	*All About Us*	NBC
August 5	*Insomniac with Dave Attell*	Comedy Central

Date	Title	Channel
August 9	*Going to California*	Showtime
August 10	*Samurai Jack*	Cartoon Network
August 11	*Cubix: Robots for Everyone*	Kids' WB
August 20	*Oswald*	Nick Jr.
August 24	*Grim & Evil*	Cartoon Network
August 27	*Shipmates*	Syndication
August 31	*The Nightmare Room*	Kids' WB
September 1	*Digimon Tamers*	Fox Kids
	The Legend of Tarzan	UPN
September 3	*One on One*	
	Sagwa, the Chinese Siamese Cat	PBS Kids
September 5	*The Amazing Race*	CBS
September 8	*Medabots*	Fox Kids
	Moolah Beach	

Date	Title	Channel
	Transformers: Robots in Disguise	
September 9	*Ponderosa*	PAX TV
September 10	*The Ananda Lewis Show*	Syndication
	Iyanla	
	The URL With Phred Show	Noggin
September 12	*American Morning*	CNN
September 15	*Alienators: Evolution Continues*	Fox Kids
	The Ripping Friends	
	The Proud Family	Disney Channel
	Stanley	Playhouse Disney
September 17	*ElimiDate*	Syndication
	Rendez-View	
September 18	*Access Granted*	BET
September 19	*Wolf Lake*	CBS

Date	Title	Channel
September 22	*What's with Andy?*	Teletoon
September 23	*The Education of Max Bickford*	CBS
September 24	*Crossing Jordan*	NBC
	The Ellen Show	CBS
September 25	*The Guardian*	
	Philly	ABC
	Undeclared	Fox
September 26	*Star Trek: Enterprise*	UPN
September 27	*The Agency*	CBS
September 29	*The Mummy: The Animated Series*	Kids' WB
	Yu-Gi-Oh!	
September 30	*Alias*	ABC
	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	NBC
	War Stories with Oliver North	Fox News Channel

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October 22	*Pardon the Interruption*	ESPN
	Unscripted with Chris Connelly	
October 25	*Truth or Scare*	Discovery Kids
November 3	*Totally Spies!*	Cartoon Network
November 5	*NewsNight with Aaron Brown*	CNN
November 6	*24*	Fox
November 7	*Beat the Geeks*	Comedy Central
November 8	*The Tick*	Fox
November 14	*The Bernie Mac Show*	
November 17	*Justice League*	Cartoon Network
	30 Minute Meals	Food Network
	Sara's Secrets	
December 31	*CNN New Year's Eve Live*	CNN

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Last	Previous	New/returning/same	Date of

	aired	network	network	return
Unsolved Mysteries	1999	CBS	Lifetime	July 2
Home Movies		UPN	Adult Swim	September 2
Card Sharks	1989	CBS	Syndication	September 17
Dexter's Laboratory	1999	Cartoon Network	Same	November 16

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 6	*Noah Knows Best*	2000
January 13	*Buzz Lightyear of Star Command*	
January 14	*The Jamie Foxx Show*	1996
	The Lone Gunmen	2001
February 16	*Teletubbies* (returned in 2015)	1998
February 18	*Grosse Pointe*	2000
	Hype	
March 1	*Madeline*	1993

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May 16	*Two Guys and a Girl*	1998
May 19	*Cousin Skeeter*	
	Walker, Texas Ranger	1993
May 22	*3rd Rock from the Sun*	1996
May 23	*Star Trek: Voyager*	1995
May 27	*Mike, Lu & Og*	1999
May 29	*Seven Days*	1998
June 1	*Oh Yeah! Cartoons*	
June 18	*Xena: Warrior Princess*	1995
June 22	*The Famous Jett Jackson*	1998
June 30	*Men in Black: The Series*	1997
July 10	*The Geena Davis Show*	2000
July 13	*The Powerpuff Girls* (returned in 2002)	1998
August 12	*Undergrads*	2001

August 31	*TV Funhouse*	2000
	The Big Help	1994
	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	1968
	The Queen Latifah Show (returned in 2013)	1999
September 28	*So Weird*	
September 30	*WWF Superstars of Wrestling*	1986
October 9	*What About Joan?*	2001
October 11	*Little Bear*	1995
October 15	*Bug Juice*	1998
November 1	*Bob Patterson*	2001
November 5	*Recess*	1997
November 11	*The Angry Beavers*	
November 17	*Power Rangers Time Force*	2001
November 22	*Maisy*	1999

November 30	*ReBoot*	1994
December 7	*Johnny Bravo* (returned in 2003)	1997
December 15	*City Guys*	
December 18	*Batman Beyond*	1999
December 28	*Timothy Goes to School*	2000
December 30	*Men, Women & Dogs*	2001

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
American High	Fox	PBS
Buffy the Vampire Slayer	The WB	UPN
Roswell		
Jay Jay the Jet Plane	TLC	PBS Kids
National Geographic Explorer	CNBC	MSNBC
Home Movies	UPN	Adult Swim
The Brak Show	Cartoon Network	
Harvey Birdman, Attorney at		

Law		
Sealab 2021		
Space Ghost Coast to Coast		
Unsolved Mysteries	CBS	Lifetime

Notable TV movies[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel
March 24	*Wit*	HBO
April 28	*61**	
April 29	*On Golden Pond*	CBS
May 19	*Conspiracy*	HBO
July 21	*All Growed Up*	Nickelodeon
November 18	*The Facts of Life Reunion*	ABC

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
February 5	Connor Gibbs	Actor (*Ghost Whisperer*)

February 15	Haley Tju	Actress (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
July 10	Isabela Moner	Actress (*100 Things to Do Before High School*)
September 4	Tenzing Norgay Trainor	Actor (*Liv and Maddie*)
October 12	Raymond Ochoa	Actor
October 14	Rowan Blanchard	Actress (*Girl Meets World*)
December 5	Diego Velazquez	Actor (*The Thundermans*)
December 28	Madison De La Garza	Actress (*Desperate Housewives*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 1	Ray Walston	86	Actor (*My Favorite Martian*)
January 18	Al Waxman	65	Actor (Lt. Samuels on *Cagney & Lacey*)
January 22	Roy Brown	68	Clown and puppeteer
February 20	Bob Weiskopf	86	Writer (*I Love Lucy*)
February 27	Stan Margulies	80	Producer (*Roots*, *The Thorn Birds*)
March 8	Edward	63	Actor (Colonel Flagg on *M*A*S*H*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Winter		
March 12	Morton Downey Jr.	68	Host of *The Morton Downey Jr. Show*
March 15	Ann Sothern	92	Actress (*Private Secretary*, *My Mother the Car*)
March 16	Norma MacMillan	79	Voice actor (Casper the Friendly Ghost, Gumby)
March 22	William Hanna	90	Co-founder (with Joseph Barbera) of famous Hanna-Barbera animation studio
May 12	Perry Como	88	Singer, TV host (*Perry Como's Kraft Music Hall*)
May 19	Pat Falken Smith	75	Soap opera writer (*Days of Our Lives*)
May 22	Whitman Mayo	70	Actor (Grady Wilson on *Sanford and Son*)
May 23	Harry Townes	86	Actor (*The Fugitive*)
May 31	Arlene Francis	93	Actress and game show panelist (*What's My Line?*)
June 2	Imogene Coca	92	Actress and comedian (*Your Show of Shows*)
June 21	Carroll O'Connor	76	Actor (Archie Bunker on *All in the Family*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
August 3	Christopher Hewett	80	Actor (*Mr. Belvedere*)
August 4	Lorenzo Music	64	Writer and actor who co-created (*The Bob Newhart Show* and did the voices of Carlton the doorman on *Rhoda* and Garfield the cat)
August 25	Aaliyah	22	American singer and actress
September 3	Thuy Trang	27	Actress (*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*)
September 11	David Angell	55	Writer (*Cheers*, *Frasier*)
October 9	Dagmar	79	1950s sex symbol
October 15	Ralph Levy	80	Director (*The Jack Benny Program*, *Petticoat Junction*)
October 17	Jay Livingston	86	Songwriter (themes to *Bonanza* and *Mister Ed*)
November 29	George Harrison	58	Singer-songwriter (The Beatles)
December 13	Chuck Schuldiner	34	Singer, songwriter, guitarist (guest on *Headbanger's Ball*)
December 20	Foster Brooks	89	Actor

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 22	Lance Loud	50	Member of the family documented in (*An American Family*)

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2002 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television in 2002**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel initiations.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	KRON-TV/San Francisco ends its affiliation with NBC after 52 years and becomes an independent station after Young Broadcasting, which purchased the station for $823 million in November 1999 from the deYoung family (who also sold the *San Francisco Chronicle* to the Hearst Corporation), refuses to agree to demands made by NBC to manage KRON under the conventions of a network-owned station (which included rebranding from "KRON 4" to "NBC 4", and airing the entire network schedule in pattern with pre-emptions reduced to those necessitated due to extended breaking news coverage). San Jose-based WB affiliate KNTV (which served as the ABC affiliate for the South Bay from 1960 until 2000, when it agreed to disaffiliate at the request of the Bay Area's primary ABC station, O&O KGO-TV) assumed the NBC affiliation and was acquired by the network soon afterward by the Granite Broadcasting Corporation, whose remaining Bay Area station, KBWB-TV (now independent station KOFY-TV), consequently became the market's sole WB affiliate.

5	*Soul Train* broadcasts its 1000th episode.
14	TeleFutura, Univision's second Spanish-language channel was launched.
17	*The Price Is Right* tapes its 30th Anniversary Special broadcast in Las Vegas, and it was broadcast by CBS January 31.

February[edit]

Date	Event
3	Super Commercials: A *Mental Engineering* Special is broadcast by PBS member stations reaching 85% of the U.S. after Super Bowl XXXVI; reportedly the best coverage yet achieved by a former public-access television program.
8	The opening ceremony of the 2002 Winter Olympics are televised by NBC.
	In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, WNBC in New York City revives the *We're 4 New York* campaign.
13	The UPN series *Special Unit 2* airs its 19th and final episode. One of the guest stars in this episode was a then-19-year old Canadian actress by the name of Cobie Smulders, who would go on to star in the CBS series *How I Met Your Mother* with Josh Radnor and Jason Segel 3 years later. (ironically enough, both UPN and CBS were Viacom properties at that time).
14	CBS buys KCAL (channel 9) in Los Angeles, California from Young Broadcasting for $650 million, making it a sister station to KCBS channel 2.
	The final *Family Guy* episode airs after Fox announces its cancellation (however, record DVD sales and high ratings in syndication convince Fox to bring it back in 2005).

March[edit]

Date	Event
10	CBS broadcasts its first commercial-free 9/11 documentary TV movie, about the Sept 11 attacks.

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	The N, a digital cable and satellite channel intended for teenagers, is launched, sharing the channel frequency of Noggin.
15	The 63rd and final episode of *Once and Again* is broadcast by ABC. This would mark Evan Rachel Wood's last appearance as a main cast member on a TV series until *Westworld* premieres on HBO in 2016.
17	The ABC soap opera *General Hospital* broadcasts its milestone 10,000th episode.
19	Tribune Broadcasting buys WB affiliate WTTV (channel 4) in Bloomington, Indiana and its translator WTTK (channel 29) in Kokomo, Indiana from Sinclair for $125 million.
24	G4 debuts.

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	Nicktoons TV (renamed Nicktoons in 2004, then in 2009) launched in the United States.

	All of the MTV themed channels begin broadcasting on digital cable services as well as the VH1 affiliated network, VH1 Country (now known as CMT Pure Country).
6	*One Life to Live* broadcasts a full week of episodes broadcast live from the ABC New York studios.
12	CNN Sports Illustrated (known as CNN/SI) ceases operations.
13	TV Guide's 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time is presented by ABC.
15	Jeopardy! aired its 4000th episode.
17	The 29th Daytime Emmy Awards presentation is broadcast by CBS.
19	The X-Files' two-hour series finale is broadcast on Fox.
22	The Rosie O'Donnell Show airs its last live episode.

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	The very first HD cable channel, Discovery HD Theater (now known as Velocity) begins broadcasting.
3	*Sailor Moon* returns to Cartoon Network after a one-year hiatus, airing at 3:30pm EST/PST. That same day Cartoon Network also premieres *Hamtaro*.
7	*Kim Possible* has its first three episodes broadcast by Disney Channel.
12	NBC broadcasts its last NBA game after 12 years with the league.

16	*The Dead Zone* premieres on USA Network, with the highest ratings of a cable series debut in history.

July[edit]

Date	Event
4	ABC broadcasts a three-hour primetime news special, entitled *In Search of America: Celebration*.
5	After seven years on the air Cartoon Network airs the popular anime series *Sailor Moon* for the last time while *Cartoon Cartoons* Fridays begins its seventh season with the episode "Friends are there to help you".
13	Fox News Channel overtakes CNN as the #1-rated news channel.
15	After negotiations concerning a new affiliation agreement with CBS fail, WJXT (channel 4) in Jacksonville, Florida becomes an independent station on this date, with former UPN affiliate WTEV-TV (channel 47) assuming the market's CBS affiliation. This also results in an affiliation change in nearby Gainesville (where WJXT had long been the market's default CBS affiliate), as WB/UPN affiliate WGFL joins CBS (giving the Gainesville market its first-ever CBS affiliate).[1]

August[edit]

Date	Event
21	Fine Living Network debuted.

September[edit]

Date	Event

2	Disney Channel stops broadcasting its afternoon and late night programming blocks "Zoog Disney" and "Vault Disney".
	Liberty's Kids premieres on PBS Kids.
	In Portland, Oregon, the Meredith Corporation's duopoly of UPN affiliate KPTV and Fox affiliate KPDX (which Fox had sold to Meredith on June 17 in exchange for WOFL in Orlando, Florida and its semi-satellite in Gainesville, WOGX) swap affiliations.
	KPSP-LP in Palm Springs, California signs-on the air, giving the Coachella Valley its first-ever CBS affiliate.
4	Kelly Clarkson wins the first season of Fox's reality series *American Idol*.
	The Price Is Right celebrates its 30th anniversary.
7	TNBC was renamed Discovery Kids on NBC.
8	In Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, Fox O&O WFTC swaps affiliations with sister station and UPN affiliate KMSP.[2]
14	Fox Kids, then owned by ABC Family, is transferred back to Fox and is renamed Fox Box.
	On ABC, Disney's One Saturday Morning ends, to be replaced by ABC Kids.
	Nick Jr. on CBS was renamed Nick on CBS.
	Cartoon Network shows the program *Sailor Moon Super S: The Movie* again, this is the last time *Sailor Moon* was featured in the United States, until 2009.
22	Two NBC programs, *Friends* and *The West Wing*, respectively win Outstanding Comedy Series and Outstanding Drama Series at the 54th Primetime Emmy Awards, which, by

	coincidence, airs on NBC.
25	Lisa Donahue is the winner of CBS' contest *Big Brother 3* and wins the $500,000 prize; runner-up Danielle Reyes wins $50,000.
30	American Movie Classics is revamped to become a commercial general movie channel.
	The ill-fated All News Channel ceases broadcasting.

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	Cartoon Network celebrates its 10th anniversary.
5	Discovery Networks-owned programming strand Discovery Kids on NBC (a spinoff of a former digital cable channel Discovery Kids) debuts on NBC Saturday mornings, replacing the teen-oriented block TNBC.
14	Nickelodeon debuts its weekly programming variety block U-Pick Live.
15	The PBS children animated series *Arthur* airs its 100th episode.
17	Four television stations debut in Guam carrying programming from the Trinity Broadcasting Network: K28HS, K30HB, K32GB, and K36GJ. All four stations will become translators of NBC affiliate KUAM-TV in 2007.
30	Warren Zevon is featured on CBS' *Late Show with David Letterman* as the only guest for the entire hour, performing several songs and talking about being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer.
	Longtime cast member Hunter Tylo's character, Dr. Taylor Hamilton Forrester, is killed in

	the CBS soap opera *The Bold and the Beautiful*, which is seen worldwide.

December[edit]

Date	Event
15	Animation for *The Simpsons* changed from cel animation to digital ink and paint.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Premiere date	Show	Network
January 8	*Last Call with Carson Daly*	NBC
January 13	*The Jamie Kennedy Experiment*	The WB
January 15	*The Chair*	ABC
	First Monday	CBS
January 18	*NOW*	PBS
January 19	*The Nick Cannon Show*	Nickelodeon
	Teamo Supremo	Disney's One Saturday Morning
January 21	*Cyberchase*	PBS Kids

February 4	*Closing Bell*	CNBC
	On the Record w/ Greta Van Susteren	Fox News Channel
February 9	*Galidor: Defenders of the Outer Dimension*	Fox Kids
	Power Rangers Wild Force	
February 26	*Watching Ellie*	NBC
February 28	*Leap of Faith*	
March 3	*Jeremiah*	Showtime
March 5	*The Osbournes*	MTV
March 12	*The Shield*	FX
March 19	*Yankeeography*	YES Network
March 22	*ChalkZone*	Nickelodeon
March 25	*The Bachelor*	ABC
March 27	*George Lopez*	
April 1	*Degrassi: The Next Generation*	The N
	Edgemont	

	The Most Extreme	Animal Planet
	Play with Me Sesame	Noggin
April 7	*Digimon Frontier*	Fox Kids
April 15	*Whammy! The All-New Press Your Luck*	Game Show Network
April 22	*Made*	MTV
May 11	*Bryan Stafford: Becoming Reality*	HBO
May 24	*WWE Bottom Line*	Syndication
June 2	*The Wire*	HBO
June 3	*Crank Yankers*	Comedy Central
	Friend or Foe?	Game Show Network
	Russian Roulette	
June 7	*Hamtaro*	Cartoon Network
	Kim Possible	Disney Channel
June 11	*American Idol*	Fox
June 12	*World Music*	Link TV

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	Hey Arnold!	
	Pelswick	
	The Wild Thornberrys	
September 15	*Just Cause*	PAX TV
September 16	*The Daily Buzz*	Syndication
	Dr. Phil	
	Everwood	The WB
September 17	*8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*	ABC
	Life with Bonnie	
	Push, Nevada	
September 18	*Cedric the Entertainer Presents*	Fox
	Fastlane	
September 19	*Do Over*	The WB
September 20	*Greetings from Tucson*	

	What I Like About You	
	Firefly	Fox
	John Doe	Fox
September 22	*The Chris Matthews Show*	NBC
September 22	*O2Be*	Oxygen
September 23	*CSI: Miami*	CBS
September 23	*Half & Half*	UPN
September 24	*Haunted*	UPN
September 24	*Hidden Hills*	NBC
September 24	*In-Laws*	NBC
September 24	*Presidio Med*	CBS
September 25	*MDs*	ABC
September 26	*Good Morning, Miami*	NBC
September 26	*Without a Trace*	CBS
September 27	*Hack*	CBS

	Robbery Homicide Division	
	That Was Then	ABC
September 28	*Biker Build-Off*	Discovery Channel
September 29	*American Dreams*	NBC
	Boomtown	
September 30	*Recipe TV Featuring the World's Greatest Chefs*	Syndication
	Still Standing	CBS
	Taboo	Nat Geo
October 1	*Less Than Perfect*	ABC
October 5	*TNA Xplosion*	Sunshine Network
	Croc Files	Discovery Kids on NBC
	Endurance	
	Junkyard Dogs	
	Scout's Safari	
	Strange Days at Blake Holsey High	

	Walking with Dinosaurs	
October 6	*Bram & Alice*	CBS
October 9	*Birds of Prey*	The WB
	Unsolved History	Discovery Channel
October 13	*Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye*	PAX TV
October 21	*Girls Club*	Fox
	Max & Ruby	Nick Jr.
October 22	*Scaredy Camp*	Nickelodeon
October 28	*Page to Screen*	Bravo
October 30	*3 South*	MTV
November 2	*Clone High*	
November 4	*Around the Horn*	ESPN
November 25	*Doggy Fizzle Televizzle*	MTV
November 30	*Barefoot Contessa*	Food Network
December 6	*Codename: Kids Next Door*	Cartoon Network

December 9	*WinTuition*	Game Show Network

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
The News with Brian Williams	MSNBC	CNBC
Stargate SG-1	Showtime	SyFy
The Wiggles	Fox Family	Playhouse Disney
Digimon: Digital Monsters	Fox Kids	UPN and ABC Family
Power Rangers		ABC Kids and ABC Family
Transformers		Cartoon Network
NBA Inside Stuff	TNBC	ABC
The Weakest Link	Syndication	
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		
Making the Band	MTV	
Lloyd in Space	ABC	Toon Disney
Teacher's Pet		

The Weekenders		
A Walk in Your Shoes	Noggin	The N
Oswald		Nick Jr. on CBS and Nick Jr. (returned to Nick Jr. in 2003)
Franklin		
Mission Hill	The WB	Adult Swim
The Oblongs		

Resuming this year[edit]

Show	Last aired	Previous network	Retitled as/Same	New/Same network	Returning
All That	2000	Nickelodeon	Same	Same	January 19
Mission Hill		The WB		Adult Swim	July 14
Lingo	1988	Syndication		Game Show Network	August 5
The Oblongs	2001	The WB		Adult Swim	August 25
The $100,000 Pyramid	1992	Syndication	*Pyramid*	Same	September 16

Wild Kingdom	1988	NBC	Same	Animal Planet	September 17
The Twilight Zone	1989	Syndication		UPN	September 18
The Powerpuff Girls	2001	Cartoon Network		Same	December 6

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*The PJs*	1999
January 11	*Card Sharks*	1978
	The Ellen Show	2001
January 15	*Max Steel*	2000
January 18	*The Outer Limits*	1995
January 21	*Daria*	1997
January 26	*That's Life*	2000
January 27	*Nikki*	
January 31	*The Tick*	2001

February 13	*Dr. Katz Professional Therapist*	1995
February 17	*Jackass*	2000
	The Steve Harvey Show	1996
February 24	*Angela Anaconda*	1999
March 5	*100 Centre Street*	2001
March 12	*Undeclared*	
March 15	*To Tell the Truth*	1956
March 16	*The Nightmare Room*	2001
March 19	*The Random Years*	2002
March 23	*UC: Undercover*	2001
March 28	*The New Woody Woodpecker Show*	1999
March 31	*Dirk Niblick of the Math Brigade*	
	Phred on Your Head Show	
	The URL With Phred Show	2001
	The Further Adventures of Zook & Alison	2000

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May 14	*Roswell*	1999
May 17	*Talk Soup*	1991
May 18	*V.I.P.*	1998
May 19	*The X-Files*	1993
May 20	*Ally McBeal*	1997
	Earth: Final Conflict	
	Relic Hunter	1999
May 20	*The Hughleys*	1998
May 22	*Felicity*	
	The Rosie O'Donnell Show	1996
	Sally	1983
May 25	*Maximum Exposure*	2000
May 27	*Family Law*	1999
May 28	*Philly*	2001
June 29	*Mary-Kate and Ashley in Action!*	

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	Nick Jr. on CBS (returned in 2005)	2000
September 8	*Arliss*	1996
September 20	*Unsolved Mysteries*	1987
September 21	*The Amanda Show*	1999
October 4	*That Was Then*	2002
October 6	*Nickelodeon Robot Wars*	
October 14	*The Oblongs*	2001
October 18	*Grim & Evil*	
October 20	*Celebrity Deathmatch* (returned in 2006)	1998
October 24	*Push, Nevada*	2002
October 27	*Bram & Alice*	
October 28	*Girls Club*	
October 31	*Off Centre*	2001
November 2	*Medabots*	
November 5	*Haunted*	2002

November 14	*Pelswick*	2000
November 16	*Power Rangers Wild Force*	2002
November 22	*Courage the Cowardly Dog*	1999
December 10	*Invader Zim* (returned to 2006)	2001
December 15	*Do Over*	2002
December 18	*Rescue Heroes*	1999
December 20	*Firefly*	2002

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
February 5	Davis Cleveland	Actor (*Shake It Up*)
April 8	Skai Jackson	Actress (*Jessie*, *Bunk'd*)
May 9	Cree Cicchino	Actress (*Game Shakers*)
June 2	Madison Hu	Actress (*Bizaardvark*)
June 16	Isaak Presley	Actor (*Stuck in the Middle*)

June 17	Jake Goodman	Canadian actor (*Max & Shred*)
July 23	Benjamin Flores Jr.	Actor (*The Haunted Hathaways*, *Game Shakers*)
August 30	Grant Palmer	Actor (*The Loud House*)
September 27	Jenna Ortega	Actress (*Jane the Virgin*, *Stuck in the Middle*)
October 3	Felix Avitia	Actor (*Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*)
October 6	Rio Mangini	Actor (*Bella and the Bulldogs*)
November 20	Madisyn Shipman	Actress (*Saturday Night Live*, *Game Shakers*)
December 6	Cade Sutton	Actor (*Kirby Buckets*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 13	Ted Demme	38	Director
February 13	Waylon Jennings	64	Singer (balladeer/narrator on *The Dukes of Hazzard*)
February 22	Chuck Jones	89	Animator (*Looney Tunes*), director (*How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*)
February 24	Mel Stewart	72	Character actor (Henry Jefferson on *All in the Family* and Billy Melrose on *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 28	Mary Stuart	75	Soap opera actress (Jo for the entire 35-year run of *Search for Tomorrow*)
March 15	Sylvester Weaver	93	President of NBC, credited with creating *The Today Show* and *The Tonight Show*
March 17	Rosetta LeNoire	90	Actress (Mother Winslow on *Family Matters*)
March 27	Milton Berle	93	Comedian, actor (*Texaco Star Theater*)
April 2	Jack Kruschen	80	Character actor (Papa Papadopolous on *Webster*)
April 16	Robert Urich	55	Actor (Spenser on *Spenser: For Hire* and Dan Tanna on *Vega$*)
May 24	Susie Garrett	72	Actress (Betty Johnson on *Punky Brewster*), sister of Marla Gibbs
June 13	John Hope	83	Meteorologist of The Weather Channel
July 8	Ward Kimball	88	Animator
September 14	LaWanda Page	81	Comedian, actress (Aunt Esther on *Sanford and Son*)
September 28	Whitney Blake	76	Actress (Dorothy Baxter on *Hazel*); co-creator of *One Day at a Time*; mother of Meredith Baxter

Date	Name	Age	Notability
October 10	Teresa Graves	54	Actress (*Get Christie Love!*)
October 13	Keene Curtis	79	Actor (John Allen Hill on *Cheers*)
October 20	Barbara Berjer	82	Actress (Claire Cassen Shea on *As the World Turns*, Barbara Norris Thorpe on *Guiding Light*, Bridget Connell on *Another World*)
November 3	Jonathan Harris	87	Actor (Bradford Webster on *The Third Man*, Doctor Zachary Smith on *Lost in Space*, Commander Isaac Gampu on *Space Academy*)
November 9	Merlin Santana	26	Actor (Romeo Santana on *The Steve Harvey Show*)
December 3	Glenn Quinn	32	Actor (Mark on *Roseanne*)
December 5	Roone Arledge	71	Sports producer, credited with creating (*Monday Night Football*)

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2003 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 2003**. Events listed include television series debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel initiations.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
19	The WB series *Charmed* broadcasts its 100th episode.

February[edit]

Date	Event
5	*The Price Is Right* broadcasts its first Million Dollar Spectacular on CBS.
16	The 300th episode of the series *The Simpsons* is broadcast the same night as the *Married... with Children* reunion special.
21	*Late Show* host David Letterman began a few weeks leave due to a bout of shingles (guest hosts included Bruce Willis, Regis Philbin, Will Ferrell and Elvis Costello).
24	*CBS Evening News* anchor Dan Rather interviews Saddam Hussein on national television, shortly before the Iraq invasion began.
	The miniseries Giant Robot Week is broadcast by Cartoon Network, which includes 2 edited episodes of *Neon Genesis Evangelion*. This is the first attempt to broadcast the series by network TV.
26	*The Young and the Restless* celebrates its 30th anniversary.

March[edit]

Date	Event
21	*Farscape*'s series finale, "Bad Timing", aired.

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	*General Hospital* celebrates its 40th anniversary.
7	*Dragon Ball Z* broadcasts its final premiere episode on Cartoon Network. The series was first broadcast by Toonami on August 31, 1998. DBZ ended, but returned during 2005 with the first 65 episodes re-dubbed and uncut.
22	Bianca Montgomery (Eden Riegel) kisses Lena Kundera (Olga Sosnovska) on *All My Children*; this is the first lesbian kiss on American daytime television.

May[edit]

Date	Event
8	Nancy Christy becomes the first woman to win $1,000,000 on the syndicated version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*.
16	The 30th Daytime Emmy Awards are given.
	Cartoon Cartoons Fridays airs its final episode.
19	ABC broadcasts a four-hour 50th Anniversary Special.

	U.S. non-Canadian cable network *Much USA* is rebranded as Fuse.
20	*America's Next Top Model* premieres on UPN.
21	Ruben Studdard became the winner of *American Idol* – season two.

August[edit]

Date	Event
11	The National Network is rebranded as Spike TV.

September[edit]

Date	Event
10	UPN's series *Enterprise* began a season-long story sequence – the first time a full season of a *Star Trek* series has been devoted to one storyline. (Three episodes into the new season, the series title is changed to *Star Trek: Enterprise*.)
21	*Everybody Loves Raymond* and *The West Wing* have won both Outstanding TV Series at the 55th Primetime Emmy Awards.
24	Jun Song wins the American version of *Big Brother 4* and wins the $500,000 prize. Runner-Up Allison Irwin wins $50,000.

October[edit]

Date	Event

1	James Marsters joins the cast of *Angel* on The WB, after he was a recurring.
6	Young Sir is named the new host of BET's *The Center*, replacing Amerie, who left the show to continue working on her music.
20	Rod Roddy makes his final appearance as announcer of *The Price Is Right* (died one week later).

November[edit]

Date	Event
2	*CBS at 75*, the special celebrating the network's 75th anniversary, was broadcast.
4	NFL Network launches.
10	The 4000th episode of *Wheel of Fortune*, since the pairing of host and hostess Pat Sajak and Vanna White, was broadcast

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 6	*The Berenstain Bears*	PBS Kids
	Joe Millionaire	Fox
January 8	*The Bachelorette*	ABC
January 9	*Storm Stories*	The Weather Channel

Date	Show	Network
January 17	*That's So Raven*	Disney Channel
January 22	*Chappelle's Show*	Comedy Central
January 23	*106 & Park: Prime*	BET
	MythBusters	Discovery Channel
January 24	*Penn & Teller: Bullshit!*	Showtime
January 27	*Ask Rita*	Syndication
	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	ABC
February 8	*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*	Fox Box
February 15	*Power Rangers Ninja Storm*	ABC Kids
February 16	*The Venture Bros.*	Adult Swim
February 21	*Da Ali G Show*	HBO
February 24	*Animal Jam*	TLC
March 3	*Live Prayer*	KBHK 44 San Francisco

Date	Show	Network
	The Center	BET
March 9	*Oliver Beene*	Fox
March 11	*The Save-Ums!*	Discovery Kids
March 26	*Wanda at Large*	Fox
March 31	*American Chopper*	Discovery Channel
April 7	*Miffy and Friends*	Noggin
	Tweenies	
April 12	*All Grown Up!*	Nickelodeon
April 13	*MXC*	Spike
May 15	*DaySide with Linda Vester*	Fox News Channel
May 17	*Megaman NT Warrior*	Kids' WB
May 20	*America's Next Top Model*	UPN
May 23	*Summer Fridays*	Cartoon Network
May 26	*Unscrewed with Martin Sargent*	TechTV

Date	Show	Network
June 13	*The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy*	Cartoon Network
June 26	*Ren & Stimpy "Adult Party Cartoon"*	Spike
June 27	*Dead Like Me*	Showtime
July 1	*Reno 911!*	Comedy Central
July 11	*Evil Con Carne*	Cartoon Network
	Spider-Man: The New Animated Series	MTV
July 15	*Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*	Bravo
July 19	*Teen Titans*	Cartoon Network
July 22	*Nip/Tuck*	FX
August 1	*My Life as a Teenage Robot*	Nickelodeon
August 5	*The O.C.*	Fox
	Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica	MTV
August 23	*Duck Dodgers*	Cartoon Network
August 25	*Jakers! The Adventures of Piggley Winks*	PBS Kids

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September 12	*All About the Andersons*	
September 13	*Romeo!*	Nickelodeon
	Eye for an Eye	Syndication
September 14	*Carnivàle*	HBO
September 15	*Living It Up! With Ali & Jack*	Syndication
	The Sharon Osbourne Show	
	Clifford's Puppy Days	PBS Kids
	Eve	UPN
September 16	*All of Us*	
	Rock Me Baby	
September 18	*Threat Matrix*	ABC
September 19	*Like Family*	The WB
	Luis	Fox

Date	Show	Network
September 20	*Lilo & Stitch: The Series*	Disney Channel
	Sabrina's Secret Life	Syndication
September 22	*Las Vegas*	NBC
	Two and a Half Men	CBS
September 23	*NCIS*	
	I'm with Her	ABC
	One Tree Hill	The WB
September 24	*The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire*	CBS
September 25	*Coupling*	NBC
September 26	*Miss Match*	
	The Handler	CBS
	Joan of Arcadia	
	Hope & Faith	ABC
September	*10-8: Officers on Duty*	

Date	Show	Network
28		
	Cold Case	CBS
	JoJo's Circus	Playhouse Disney
	The Lyon's Den	NBC
October 1	*It's All Relative*	ABC
	Karen Sisco	
October 3	*Married to the Kellys*	
	Cartoon Network Fridays	Cartoon Network
October 4	*Battlefield Detectives*	History Channel
October 5	*Animal Tails*	Ion Television
	Tarzan	The WB
October 6	*The Big Break*	Golf Channel
	Knock First	ABC Family
October 12	*Shootout*	AMC

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November 3	*Average Joe*	NBC
November 7	*Dragon Ball GT*	Cartoon Network
	Star Wars: Clone Wars	
December 2	*The Simple Life*	Fox
	The Tracy Morgan Show	NBC
	Line of Fire	ABC
December 3	*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*	

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*Truth or Scare*	2001
January 3	*Cita's World*	1999
January 12	*Andy Richter Controls the Universe*	2002
January 14	*In-Laws*	
January 21	*Hidden Hills*	

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<tr><td>February 22</td><td>The Nick Cannon Show</td></tr>
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Date	Show	Debut
	My Big Fat Greek Life	2003
April 24	*Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*	1996
April 25	*Fastlane*	2002
	John Doe	
April 26	*Cubix: Robots for Everyone*	2001
April 27	*Touched by an Angel*	1994
May 7	*Stargate Infinity*	2002
May 9	*Greetings from Tucson*	
May 17	*The Agency*	2001
May 20	*Weakest Link*	
	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	1997
May 21	*The Caroline Rhea Show*	2002
	The Twilight Zone	
	The Jenny Jones Show	1991

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September 12	*Spider-Man: The New Animated Series*	2003
September 27	*Oswald*	2001
October 3	*Port Charles*	1997
October 24	*Disney's House of Mouse*	2001
October 25	*X-Men: Evolution*	2000
November 7	*Wanda at Large*	2003
November 9	*Family Guy* (returned in 2005)	1999
November 14	*Whatever Happened to... Robot Jones?*	2002
November 15	*Power Rangers Ninja Storm*	2003
November 20	*Dexter's Laboratory*	1996
November 23	*Tarzan*	2003
November 26	*Time Squad*	2001
November 30	*The Lyon's Den*	2003
December 15	*Miss Match*	

Date	Show	Debut
December 28	*Boomtown*	2002
December 31	*The Brak Show*	2000

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
Grounded for Life	Fox	The WB

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
April 16	Alina Foley	Actress (*The League*)
April 18	Benjamin Cole Royer	Actors (*Best Friends Whenever*)
	Matthew Lewis Royer	
May 1	Lizzy Greene	Actress (*Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn*)
June 13	Breanna Yde	Actress (*The Haunted Hathaways*, *School of Rock*)
August 18	Max Charles	Actor (*The Neighbors*, *Harvey Beaks*)

September 18	Nina Lu	Actress (*Bunk'd*)
	Aidan Gallagher	Actor (*Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, and Dawn*)
November 1	Hudson Yang	Actor (*Fresh Off the Boat*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 12	Maurice Gibb	53	Musician/songwriter (Bee Gees)
January 23	Nell Carter	54	Actress, singer (*Gimme a Break*)
February 27	Fred Rogers	74	Mister Rogers of (*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*)
March 12	Lynne Thigpen	54	American television/film/stage actress (*The District*, *Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?*, *Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?*) [1]
May 14	Robert Stack	84	Actor (Eliot Ness on *The Untouchables*)
July 6	Buddy Ebsen	95	Actor (*The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Barnaby Jones*)
July 27	Bob Hope	100	Comedian, host and actor

Date	Name	Age	Notability
September 11	John Ritter	54	Actor (*Three's Company*, *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter* and voice of *Clifford the Big Red Dog*)
October 17	Janice Rule	72	Actress (*The Fugitive*)
October 21	Fred Berry	52	Actor (Freddie "Rerun" Stubbs on *What's Happening!!*)
October 27	Rod Roddy	66	Announcer (*Press Your Luck*, *Soap*, and most famously, *The Price Is Right*)
November 9	Art Carney	85	Actor (Ed Norton on *The Honeymooners*)
November 12	Jonathan Brandis	27	Actor (Lucas Wolenczak on *seaQuest DSV*)
December 14	Jeanne Crain	78	Actress
December 29	Earl Hindman	61	Actor (Wilson J. Wilson Jr. on *Home Improvement*)

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Events[edit]

February[edit]

Date	Event
1	The Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show controversy occurs. As a result, the Federal Communications Commission strengthened its rules concerning certain types of indecency.
9	Jetix was introduced on Toon Disney and ABC Family, making it the first trade-name to be introduced as an anime-based block.
22	*Sex and the City* broadcasts its final episode, "An American Girl in Paris, Part Deux."

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	*The Price Is Right* broadcasts its 6,000th episode.
8	Tiffany, host of *BET.com Countdown*, and Young Sir, host of *The Center*, switch places to each other shows.
15	Game Show Network began fraying out the rebranding known as GSN.

May[edit]

Date	Event
6	*Friends* ends its run after 10 years, broadcasting the final episode, The Last One. A spinoff, Joey, debuts the following season.

11	NBC Universal is founded by General Electric and Vivendi Universal.
13	*Frasier* broadcasts its final episode, "Goodnight Seattle".
15	Jimmy Fallon makes his last appearance as a cast member of *Saturday Night Live*, for its season finale.
26	Fantasia Barrino wins the third season of American Idol. Also, this was the first time when the series became a #1 hit in the television ratings of this season.
28	TechTV merges with G4 to form G4techTV, one of the most controversial mergers of television history as less than a year later, the merged network becomes G4 once again.

June[edit]

Date	Event
2	Ken Jennings of Salt Lake City, Utah, begins a long run as *Jeopardy!* champion.
10	TBS reintroduces its *Very Funny* campaign, which it continues to use to this day.
14	Cartoon Network reveals its new logo.

August[edit]

Date	Event
28	PBS Kids Bookworm Bunch ended.
	Programming block SNICK discontinued on Nickelodeon.

September[edit]

Date	Event
19	The 56th Primetime Emmy Awards are given.
21	Drew Daniel is the winner of the American version of *Big Brother 5*. Runner-Up Michael "Cowboy" Ellis wins $50,000.
28	Longtime veteran Marcy Walker makes her final appearance for the series *All My Children* after two decades of being affiliated with the program.

October[edit]

Date	Event
2	Amy Poehler succeeds Jimmy Fallon as Tina Fey's co-anchor of NBC's Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update skit, making the first Weekend Update female duos.
	Nickelodeon and its affiliated channels begin debuting special educational programming, Worldwide Day of Play, after the Let's Just Play campaign.
11	PBS Kids debuts a pre-teen programming block entitled, PBS Kids Go!. With new shows Maya & Miguel and a Arthur spinoff, Postcards from Buster debuts on this day with Cyberchase.

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	*The Young and the Restless* broadcasts its 8,000th episode.

7	*Dallas* airs a third TV movie, *Dallas Reunion: The Return to Southfork*.
9	Tiffany resigns as host of BET's *The Center* and is replaced by Julissa.
15	Young Sir resigns as host of *BET.com Countdown* and is replaced by recording artist Ray J.
23	Longtime CBS News anchor and manager editor Dan Rather announces he will step down in March.
30	After seventy-four consecutive wins, Ken Jennings finally loses on *Jeopardy!*, to competitor Nancy Zerg. Jennings' final cash winnings total is $2,522,700 making him the richest winner of American television history.

December[edit]

Date	Event
2	Tom Brokaw resigns as anchorman of *NBC Nightly News* and is replaced by Brian Williams.
15	CNN's financial news channel, CNNfn, is ended.
16	*All My Children* broadcasts its 9,000th episode.
29	Rogers Media buys remaining 20% ownership of Rogers Sportsnet from Fox.
	General Electric, owner of NBC, purchases Universal Studios from Vivendi, leaving all six U.S. broadcast networks part of a company which also owns a movie studio.
	For the first time in its history, Nielsen Media Research, the official American television ratings service, began counting original shows on pay Televisionpremium channels in its prime-time ratings.[1] At the time, most of these were broadcast by competitors HBO and Showtime, but Starz has since begun producing original shows.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 2004.

Date	Debut	Network
January 7	*The Apprentice*	NBC
January 11	*Drake & Josh*	Nickelodeon
January 17	*Astro Boy*	Kids' WB
January 18	*The L Word*	Showtime
January 19	*Boohbah*	PBS Kids
	The Koala Brothers	Playhouse Disney
January 23	*Dave the Barbarian*	Disney Channel
February 9	*Jetix*	Toon Disney
February 14	*Power Rangers Dino Thunder*	ABC Family
February 15	*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*	ABC
March 4	*Pimp My Ride*	MTV
March 5	*The Help*	The WB
March 10	*Game Over*	UPN

March 21	*Deadwood*	HBO
April 3	*Danny Phantom*	Nickelodeon
May 1	*Megas XLR*	Cartoon Network
June 1	*Summerland*	The WB
June 4	*TNA iMPACT!*	Fox Sports Net
June 16	*Quintuplets*	Fox
June 18	*Phil of the Future*	Disney Channel
June 19	*Winx Club*	Fox Box
July 16	*Stargate Atlantis*	Syfy
July 18	*Entourage*	HBO
July 21	*Rescue Me*	FX Network
July 29	*Blue Collar TV*	The WB
July 31	*Justice League Unlimited*	Cartoon Network
August 1	*Stroker and Hoop*	Adult Swim

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13	*Higglytown Heroes*	Playhouse Disney
	LAX	NBC
September 18	*F-Zero: GP Legend*	Fox Box
	One Piece	
	Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!	Jetix
September 20	*Listen Up!*	CBS
	Second Time Around	UPN
September 21	*Rodney*	ABC
September 22	*CSI: NY*	CBS
	The Mountain	The WB
	Veronica Mars	UPN
	Lost	ABC
September 24	*Complete Savages*	
	Dr. Vegas	CBS
September	*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*	MTV

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September 29	*Kevin Hill*	UPN
October 2	*Darcy's Wild Life*	Discovery Family
October 3	*Boston Legal*	ABC
	Desperate Housewives	
October 5	*BET Style*	BET
	Wanda Does It	Comedy Central
October 6	*Ghost Hunters*	Syfy
	Proof Positive	
October 7	*Drew Carey's Green Screen Show*	The WB
	Life As We Know It	ABC
October 11	*The Backyardigans*	Nick Jr.
	Maya & Miguel	PBS Kids Go!
	Postcards From Buster	
October 18	*Battlestar Galactica*	Syfy

October 19	*The Biggest Loser*	NBC
	He's a Lady	TBS
October 27	*Center of the Universe*	CBS
	Drawn Together	Comedy Central
November 3	*Nanny 911*	Fox
November 5	*Cartoon Alley*	TCM
November 6	*Fullmetal Alchemist*	Adult Swim
	Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex	
November 7	*Perfect Hair Forever*	
	Huff	Showtime
	My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss	Fox
November 8	*ToddWorld*	Discovery Family
November 14	*Tom Goes to the Mayor*	Adult Swim
November 16	*House*	Fox
November 19	*Hi Hi Puffy AmiYumi*	Cartoon Network

December 1	*Project Runway*	Bravo

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 25	*10-8: Officers on Duty*	2003
January 28	*Becker*	1998
January 29	*Threat Matrix*	2003
January 30	*Boston Public*	2000
	Fillmore!	2002
	The Handler	2003
February 3	*Sabrina's Secret Life*	
February 6	*Ed*	2000
	Little Bill	1999
February 7	*Scout's Safari*	2002
February 12	*All About the Andersons*	2003
February 14	*Lizzie McGuire*	2001

February 22	*Sex and the City*	1998
February 27	*Lloyd in Space*	2001
February 29	*The Weekenders*	2000
March 7	*Teamo Supremo*	2002
March 13	*Hack*	
March 23	*The Jersey*	1999
March 25	*The Chris Isaak Show*	2001
	Good Morning, Miami	2002
April 2	*Game Over*	2004
April 4	*Home Movies*	1999
April 6	*It's All Relative*	2003
April 9	*Life with Bonnie*	2002
April 12	*Space Ghost Coast to Coast*	1994
April 14	*Karen Sisco*	2003
April 16	*The Help*	2004

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May 19	*Angel*	1999
May 21	*Ricki Lake*	1993
	The Wayne Brady Show	2001
May 22	*Static Shock*	2000
May 25	*Rock Me Baby*	2003
May 26	*Soul Food*	2000
May 28	*The Sharon Osbourne Show*	2003
May 29	*Justice League*	2001
June 4	*Hollywood Squares*	1966
June 8	*Hey Arnold!*	1996
June 11	*The Wild Thornberrys*	1998
June 19	*The Man Show*	1999
July 5	*Ozzy & Drix*	2002
July 29	*106 & Park: Prime*	2003
July 30	*Rocket Power*	1999

August 1	*Rugrats*	1991
August 23	*The Brothers Garcia*	2000
August 27	*Johnny Bravo*	1997
September 8	*The Drew Carey Show*	1995
September 12	*Oliver Beene*	2003
September 25	*Samurai Jack*	2001
September 27	*Out of the Box*	1998
October 1	*Da Boom Crew*	2004
October 6	*Hawaii*	2004
October 11	*SpongeBob SquarePants* (returned in 2005)	1999
October 13	*Clifford's Puppy Days*	2003
October 22	*Evil Con Carne*	2003
October 25	*The Benefactor*	2004
October 29	*Dr. Vegas*	2004
October 29	*All About Me*	2002

October 31	*Dead Like Me*	2003
November 11	*Unscrewed with Martin Sargent*	
November 14	*He's a Lady*	2004
November 20	*Power Rangers Dino Thunder*	
November 22	*The Crocodile Hunter*	1997
November 26	*Stanley*	2001
November 28	*Doc*	
December 15	*Wonderfalls*	2004
December 28	*Father of the Pride*	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Transferred from	Transferred to
As Told by Ginger	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons
Fillmore!	ABC	Toon Disney
The Surreal Life	The WB	VH1
Thomas and Friends	CITV	PBS Kids

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
June 8	Francesca Capaldi	Actress (*Dog with a Blog*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Credibility
January 17	Noble Willingham	72	Actor (C.D. Parker on *Walker, Texas Ranger*)
January 19	Jerry Nachman	57	MSNBC editor-in-chief
January 23	Bob Keeshan	76	Children's show host (*Captain Kangaroo*)
January 27	Jack Paar	85	Host of *The Tonight Show*
January 29	Mary-Ellis Bunim	57	Producer and co-creator of (*The Real World*)
February 15	Jan Miner	86	Actress ("Madge the Manicurist")
February 23	Carl Anderson	58	Actor (*Another World*)
February 24	John Randolph	88	Actor (*Grand*)
March 7	Paul Winfield	64	Actor (*King*, *227*)
March 8	Robert	49	Actor (*Murphy Brown*)

Date	Name	Age	Credibility
	Pastorelli		
March 17	J.J. Jackson	62	MTV VJ
March 26	Jan Sterling	82	Actress
March 27	Art James	74	Game show host and announcer
April 1	Carrie Snodgress	58	Actress
May 9	Alan King	76	Comedian and actor
May 17	Tony Randall	84	Actor (Felix on *The Odd Couple*)
May 21	Gene Wood	78	Announcer of *Family Feud* and other game shows
May 22	Richard Biggs	44	Actor
June 5	Ronald Reagan	93	Actor and U.S. president; host of *General Electric Theater* and *Death Valley Days*
July 9	Isabel Sanford	86	Actress (Louise "Weezie" Mills Jefferson on *The Jeffersons*)
July 28	Eugene Roche	75	Actor (*Soap*, *Webster*, more)
August 13	Julia Child	91	Host of *The French Chef* on PBS

Date	Name	Age	Credibility
October 10	Christopher Reeve	52	Actor
November 7	Howard Keel	85	Actor, singer (Clayton Farlow on *Dallas*)
December 28	Jerry Orbach	69	Actor (Lennie Briscoe on *Law & Order*)

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Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	The U.S. channel package *PT East*, originally created by the New York, New York, company PrimeTime 24, and used by satellite TV viewers where over-the-air TV is unavailable, changes its ABC affiliate from WKRN-TV (Nashville, Tennessee) to flagship station WABC-TV (New York City).
	DirecTV deletes the Trio channel from its lineup. The network loses two-thirds of its 20 million viewers, putting in doubt the future of the NBC Universal channel.

2	Fox canceled the reality *Who's Your Daddy?* which had aired after only one episode.
3	Craig Ferguson replaces Craig Kilborn as its new CBS *The Late Late Show* host. He was the first non-US host to have his own late-night talk show.
5	The 35th anniversary episode of the series *All My Children* is broadcast by ABC. The special episode, which used former characters Mark Dalton (Mark LaMura) and Nick Davis (Larry Keith), was also unique in that it was the last appearance of ailing actress Ruth Warrick. She died less than two weeks after the episode was broadcast.
8	CBS aired the first episode of the reality series *The Will*. Ratings for the show are so low, it was canceled after only one episode, following Fox's Who's Your Daddy would've been canceled for a week ago.
17	After over 6 years, Big Tigger hosts *Rap City: Tha Bassment* for the last time. He reveals that his mother has sold the basement and forced him out to live with his father. The following day, the show is retitled as *Rap City* with Mad Linx taking over as the new host.
22	Fox Box, Fox's Saturday morning programming owned by 4Kids Entertainment, is rebranded as 4Kids TV.

February[edit]

Date	Event
2	Paramount Television and UPN announce the cancellation of the series *Star Trek: Enterprise*. Soon afterward, fan efforts begin in order to save the show, climaxing in a campaign that raises more than $3 million (US) towards funding further production, an offer Paramount ultimately rejects.
6	*American Dad!* airs its pilot episode Fox after a new episode of *The Simpsons* which airs after Super Bowl XXXIX.
7	MTV2 revamps the two-headed dog symbol.

March[edit]

Date	Event
9	On the 24th anniversary of his debut, Dan Rather retires as main anchorman of the *CBS Evening News* and is succeeded by Face the Nation anchor Bob Schieffer on an interim basis.
18	G4 broadcasts the final episode of the former TechTV series *The Screen Savers*; the series was replaced by a new show known as *Attack of the Show!* the following week.
26	After a 16-year hiatus, *Doctor Who* returns to television in the UK. Around this time efforts are under way to get the cult program a berth on an American network, however Sci-Fi Channel rejects it for the entire first two seasons on its revival run. The following Doctor Who episodes were returned to the air on BBC America in December 2009.

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	ABC news anchorman Peter Jennings anchors what will turn out to be his final *World News Tonight* telecast. Four days later, Jennings informs viewers of World News Tonight, via a taped segment, that he has been diagnosed with lung cancer and beginning of chemotherapy.
15	PBS Kids celebrates Tax Day with the first two-hour Cyberchase special "Know Your Dough".

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	*Family Guy* begins airing new episodes on Fox after three years off the schedule. This return was brought about after the unexpected popularity of the series' cable reruns and DVD

	releases.
2	Hunter Tylo resumes playing for the series *The Bold and the Beautiful* after her character, Dr. Taylor Forrester, was "killed off" three years ago. The revelation that she was alive surprised many viewers as it had not been hinted by any other sources, print or online.
13	The controversial final episode of *Star Trek: Enterprise* is broadcast in the United States, ending an 18-year, uninterrupted run of four consecutive or concurrent *Star Trek* series dating back to 1987.
23	Tom Cruise appears on The Oprah Winfrey Show, which made several public pronouncements of his relationship with Katie Holmes, and most notably "the couch incident."
25	Carrie Underwood wins season four of the popular singing competition, *American Idol*.

June[edit]

Date	Event
30	Logo, a TV channel intended for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender adults, premieres, with VH1 Mega Hits ceased operations as a replacement to Logo TV to provide the bulk of its carriage.

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	The PAX network is renamed as i: Independent Television.
29	After 5 years, AJ and Free retire as hosts of *106 & Park* and are succeeded by Big Tigger (co-host of *BET Style*) and Julissa (host of *The Center*) on an interim basis.

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	Current TV, a 24-hour youth-oriented news channel owned by the former U.S. vice president Al Gore, is initiated. The channel replaced Newsworld International.
7	ABC's acclaimed news anchor Peter Jennings dies of lung cancer. He is then succeeded by Bob Woodruff and Elizabeth Vargas for *World News Tonight* in 2006.
13	In response to Linda Vester's year-long maternity leave, Fox News Channel announces that she will not be hosting *DaySide* again. Mike Jerrick and Juliet Huddy have been hosting the program since July.
29	Hurricane Katrina strikes the Greater New Orleans area, causing major disruption of the region's television broadcasts. Local television news programs relocate to other cities in order to cover the story, though most are interrupted by the storm; some continue to broadcast reports by the Internet.

September[edit]

Date	Event
2	While presenting for the NBC telecast of *Concert for Hurricane Relief*, music producer and rapper Kanye West ignored his script and addressed what he perceived as the racism of both the government and of the media, stating: *George Bush doesn't care about black people*, and called for the media to stop labeling African-American families as "looters" while white families were depicted as "looking for food."
10	Naruto marks its North American television debut for the first time on Cartoon Network's Toonami program sequence.
18	The 57th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were given at the Shrine Auditorium by CBS.

20	Maggie Ausburn is the winner of the American version of *Big Brother 6*, and wins the $500,000 prize. Runner-Up Ivette Corredero wins $50,000.
23	Nicktoons is rebranded as Nicktoons Network (4 years later Nicktoons rebranded again using the same name).
26	Comcast, a joint venture brought PBS to launch on its digital cable and Video-on-demand channel PBS Kids Sprout, a children's non-commercial network spun-off by PBS Kids.

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	NBC's *Saturday Night Live* begins broadcasting in HDTV format.
3	*Rap City* host Mad Linx goes on a break to host a game show titled *The Road Show*. His place is taken by J-Nicks.
20	*Neon Genesis Evangelion* debuted on U.S. network TV on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim program sequence.
22	Tina Fey returned from maternity leave to resume her duties for *Saturday Night Live*'s *Weekend Update* skit.

November[edit]

Date	Event
7	Ray J resigns as host of *BET.com Countdown* to focus on his music.
8	*Days of Our Lives* celebrated its 40th anniversary.

22	Ted Koppel resigns as host of ABC's *Nightline* after 25 years.

December[edit]

Date	Event
1	Oprah Winfrey appears on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, joining host David Letterman for the first time in sixteen years.
2	*Knots Landing* aired its special non-fiction program entitled, *Knots Landing Reunion: Together Again*.
12	Lamorne and Alesha Renee, winners from BET's "New Faces" search, become the new hosts of *BET.com Countdown*.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Debut	Network
January 3	*Medium*	NBC
January 4	*Committed*	
January 9	*Zoey 101*	Nickelodeon
January 13	*Tilt*	ESPN
January 16	*Iron Chef America*	Food Network
January 21	*American Dragon: Jake Long*	Disney Channel

January 14	*Battlestar Galactica*	Syfy
January 23	*Numb3rs*	CBS
	Pet Alien	Cartoon Network
February 5	*Power Rangers S.P.D.*	ABC Family and Jetix
February 6	*American Dad!*	Fox
February 14	*Kudlow & Company*	CNBC
February 19	*Mew Mew Power*	4Kids TV
February 20	*Robot Chicken*	Adult Swim
February 21	*Avatar: The Last Airbender*	Nickelodeon
February 23	*Unique Whips*	Speed
March 8	*Blind Justice*	ABC
March 11	*Wonder Showzen*	MTV2
March 14	*Mad Money*	CNBC
March 18	*The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*	Disney Channel

March 21	*Charlie and Lola*	Playhouse Disney
March 24	*The Office*	NBC
March 25	*Krypto the Superdog*	Cartoon Network
March 27	*Grey's Anatomy*	ABC
March 28	*Attack of the Show!*	G4
April 1	*The Eyes of Nye*	PBS
April 8	*Living with Fran*	The WB
April 12	*Deadliest Catch*	Discovery Channel
April 24	*Strip Search*	VH1
May 14	*Game Show Moments Gone Bananas*	
May 26	*Kept*	
May 30	*The Life and Times of Juniper Lee*	Cartoon Network
June 2	*Beauty and the Geek*	The WB
June 17	*The Buzz on Maggie*	Disney Channel
June 19	*12 oz. Mouse*	Adult Swim

June 20	*Wildfire*	ABC Family
July 6	*Mind of Mencia*	Comedy Central
July 8	*Camp Lazlo*	Cartoon Network
July 9	*Catscratch*	Nickelodeon
	Time Warp Trio	Discovery Kids
July 20	*Criss Angel Mindfreak*	A&E Network
	So You Think You Can Dance	Fox
August 4	"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"	FX
August 17	*Weeds*	Showtime
August 29	*Prison Break*	Fox
September 3	*Danger Rangers*	PBS Kids
September 6	*Go, Diego, Go!*	Nick Jr.
September 10	*G.I. Joe: Sigma 6*	4Kids TV
	Magical DoReMi	
	Naruto	Toonami

September 12	*Meerkat Manor*	Animal Planet
	The Tyra Banks Show	Syndication
	The War at Home	Fox
September 13	*Bones*	
	Supernatural	The WB
September 16	*Twins*	
	Threshold	CBS
September 17	*Bratz*	Kids' WB
	Coconut Fred's Fruit Salad Island	
	Loonatics Unleashed	
September 19	*How I Met Your Mother*	CBS
	Just Legal	The WB
	Surface	NBC
September 20	*My Name Is Earl*	
September 21	*E-Ring*	

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October 10	*Yu-Gi-Oh! GX*	Cartoon Network
October 13	*Run's House*	MTV
October 16	*Squidbillies*	Adult Swim
October 17	*The Colbert Report*	Comedy Central
	Miss Seventeen	MTV
October 28	*A Haunting*	Discovery Channel
	I Shouldn't Be Alive	
	Masters of Horror	Showtime
October 30	*But Can They Sing?*	VH1
November 1	*Robotboy*	Cartoon Network
November 4	*South of Nowhere*	TeenNick
November 5	*IGPX*	Toonami
November 6	*The Boondocks*	Adult Swim
November 25	*The X's*	Nickelodeon

December 4	*Sleeper Cell*	Showtime
December 6	*Madden Nation*	ESPN2
December 15	*Celebrity Eye Candy*	VH1
December 18	*Moral Orel*	Adult Swim
December 19	*Deal or No Deal*	NBC
December 26	*My Gym Partner's a Monkey*	Cartoon Network
December 27	*Ben 10*	

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Channel	Last aired	Returning
Dirty Jobs	ABC Family	2003	July 26
Dragon Ball Z	Cartoon Network		June 14
Family Guy	Fox		May 1
Nick Jr. on CBS	CBS	2002	September 10
SpongeBob SquarePants	Nickelodeon	2004	May 6

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 2	*The Mountain*	2004
January 15	*Megas XLR*	
January 19	*Center of the Universe*	
January 20	*Life as We Know It*	
January 22	*Dave the Barbarian*	
January 24	*Second Time Around*	
January 28	*Grounded for Life*	2001
February 5	*Living with Lydia*	
February 11	*Kudlow & Cramer*	2002
February 28	*¡Mucha Lucha!*	
March 1	*NYPD Blue*	1993
March 11	*Bullseye*	2003
	Tru Calling	
March 15	*Committed*	2005

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May 3	*Judging Amy*	1999
May 6	*Third Watch*	
May 11	*Jack & Bobby*	2004
May 13	*Andromeda*	2000
	Star Trek: Enterprise	2001
May 16	*Everybody Loves Raymond*	1996
May 18	*Kevin Hill*	2004
	My Wife and Kids	2001
May 26	*Pet Alien*	2005
May 27	*U-Pick Live*	2002
June 15	*CatDog*	1998
June 17	*Complete Savages*	2004
June 21	*Blind Justice*	2005
June 22	*ChalkZone* (returned in 2008)	2002
June 24	*Zoom*	1999

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December 24	*Little Britain*	2003
December 25	*Stroker and Hoop*	2004
December 30	*Hot Properties*	2005
	Jay Jay the Jet Plane	1998

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
The Journal Editorial Report	PBS	Fox News Channel
National Geographic Explorer	MSNBC	National Geographic Channel
Project Greenlight	HBO	Bravo
TNA iMPACT!	Fox Sports Net	Spike TV
Whose Line is it Anyway?	ABC	ABC Family
Wildboyz	MTV	MTV2
WWE Raw	Spike TV	USA Network
Kipper	Sprout	

Sesame Street		Noggin
American Casino	Discovery Channel	Travel Channel
Digimon: Digital Monsters	ABC Family	Jetix
Dragon Booster		
Get Ed		
Power Rangers		
Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!		
W.I.T.C.H.		
Spider-Man	Fox Kids	
The Mummy: The Animated Series	Kids' WB	
Pokémon	4Kids TV	Cartoon Network
Yu-Gi-Oh!		

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Title	Channel	Date of airing
Lackawanna Blues	HBO	February 12

Title	Channel	Date of airing
Kim Possible Movie: So the Drama	Disney	April 8
Warm Springs	HBO	April 30
The Proud Family Movie	Disney	August 12
The Flight That Fought Back	Discovery	September 11
Mrs. Harris	HBO	September 16

Miniseries[edit]

Title	Channel	Premiere date
Thief	FX	March 28
Elvis	CBS	May 8
Empire Falls	HBO	May 28
Into the West	TNT	June 10
Elizabeth I	HBO	September 29
Sleeper Cell	Showtime	December 4
The Lost Prince	PBS	December 18

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
March 26	Ella Anderson	Actress (*Henry Danger*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 19	Lamont Bentley	31	Actor (*Moesha*, *The Parkers*)
January 23	Johnny Carson	79	Comedian, host of *The Tonight Show*
March 25	Paul Henning	93	Producer (*The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Petticoat Junction*, *Green Acres*)
April 5	Debralee Scott	52	Actress, game show panelist (*Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*, *Match Game*)
April 26	Mason Adams	86	Actor (Charlie Hume on *Lou Grant*)
May 17	Frank Gorshin	72	Actor (The Riddler on *Batman*)
May 21	Howard Morris	85	Actor, director (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *Your Show of Shows*)
May 22	Thurl Ravenscroft	91	Actor (Tony the Tiger of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes commercials)
May 26	Eddie Albert	99	Actor (Oliver Wendell Douglas on *Green Acres*, Frank MacBride on *Switch*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 24	Paul Winchell	82	Ventriloquist, actor (*The Smurfs*, *Wacky Races*, *The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh*)
June 25	John Fiedler	80	Actor (*The Bob Newhart Show*, *Buffalo Bill*)
July 20	James Doohan	85	Actor (Scotty on original *Star Trek*)
August 7	Peter Jennings	67	ABC news anchor
August 8	Barbara Bel Geddes	82	Actress ("Miss Ellie" on *Dallas*)
August 23	Brock Peters	78	Actor
September 2	Bob Denver	70	Actor (Gilligan on *Gilligan's Island* and Maynard G. Krebs on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*)
September 25	Don Adams	82	Actor (*Get Smart*, *Tennessee Tuxedo*, and *Inspector Gadget*)
October 2	Nipsey Russell	87	Actor, comedian and game-show panelist
October 6	Ray Bumatai	52	Actor
October 7	Charles Rocket	56	Actor (*Saturday Night Live*)
November 13	Eddie Guerrero	38	Professional wrestler and star of WWE SmackDown
November	Pat Morita	73	Actor (*Sanford and Son*, *Happy Days*, *Ohara*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
24			
November 29	Wendie Jo Sperber	47	Actress (*Babes,* Bosom Buddies*)*
December 16	John Spencer	58	Actor (Leo McGarry on *The West Wing* and Tommy Mullaney on *L.A. Law*)

2006 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television during 2006**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel initiations.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	NBC Universal ends the channel program Trio and in its place begins Sleuth, a 24-hour entertainment cable TV channel dedicated to the crime, mystery and suspense genres.
2	After several years as part of The WB's weekday programming sequence, The WB ends its weekday afternoon Kids' WB animation sequence. Kids' WB was relegated to Saturday mornings, and the weekday block is replaced by Daytime WB.
3	The original Viacom officially divides into two companies, with the CBS television network and Showtime Networks becoming part of CBS Corporation, and the MTV Networks group of channels (which includes MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central) and Black Entertainment Television becoming part of the new Viacom. Eventually, the greatest casualty of the division was that Paramount Television, which became part of CBS Corporation, would cease to exist after 38 years of television production, as it was merged into the CBS Productions, part of the

	CBS network. The studio had the name of CBS Paramount Television for three years, later becoming CBS Television Studios.
	Bob Woodruff and Elizabeth Vargas begin anchoring duties for ABC News's *World News Tonight*, replacing Peter Jennings, who died of cancer during 2005.
12	Dari Alexander (anchor of 2pm and 4pm portions of *Fox News Live* on weekends) and Rick Folbaum (anchor of *Fox Report Weekend*) are transferred from Fox News Channel to the Fox-owned-and-operated station WNYW/New York City. They are replaced by Jamie Colby and Trace Gallagher, respectively (Gallagher would make it official on February 4). Folbaum, however, would return to the network in 2009.
	Second live episode of the program *Will & Grace* is broadcast by NBC on both the East and West coasts of the USA.
24	CBS and Warner Bros. announce the initiation of The CW Television Network for the 2006–2007 season. This network is, in a sense, a merger of The WB and UPN and was designed to replace both of those networks.[1]
28	The Directors Guild of America name Tony Croll and J. Rupert Thompson as best reality television directors for the programs *Three Wishes* and *Fear Factor*, respectively. Best director of a dramatic series is Michael Apted for *Rome*. Television comedy series director is Marc Buckland for *My Name Is Earl*. Directors Joseph Sargent (*Warm Springs*) and George C. Wolfe (*Lackawanna Blues*) share best television movie awards. *General Hospitals Owen Renfroe is named best daytime television serial director.*

February[edit]

Date	Event
2	Mad Linx returns to host *Rap City* after a 4-month absence, while J-Nicks leaves the show to work as a radio DJ.
5	After 36 years, ABC broadcasts its final National Football League program when the Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Seattle Seahawks, 21–10, in Super Bowl XL.

22	Fox announces plans for a new network, named MyNetworkTV. The network was planned to be broadcast by UPN and WB affiliates which are not included in the initiation of The CW.

March[edit]

Date	Event
8	Bravo's premiere of one of its most popular shows to date, Top Chef.
16	SportsNet New York is begun. It is home of the New York Mets and New York Jets.
17	United States premiere of the new series of *Doctor Who* on Sci-Fi's Friday-night sequence.
26	Last first-broadcast episodes to date of the long-running TV series *Soul Train*. Reruns of the previous season are broadcast until October, when "The Best of Soul Train" reruns from the 1970s and 1980s begin being broadcast instead of new episodes.

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	The Kids Choice Awards ceremony, broadcast by Nickelodeon, with special "slimed" guest, Robin Williams (hosted by Jack Black)
28	The 33rd Daytime Emmy Awards ceremony was broadcast.

May[edit]

Date	Event
21	Mike Wallace's last appearance on CBS' *60 Minutes*; The WB aired the *Charmed* finale

	"Forever Charmed" (after 8 seasons)
24	Taylor Hicks won *American Idol* season five.
31	Katie Couric's final episode as co-host of the *Today Show*.

June[edit]

Date	Event
26	MSG Network debuted *SummerBall*, a basketball series dedicated to the well-known summer streetball leagues in New York City. This was the first program ever broadcast by the network that was strictly dedicated to streetball in New York City.[citation needed]
28	Charles Gibson' final episode as co-host of *Good Morning America* (after 19 years)

July[edit]

Date	Event
8	*Pokémon* broadcasts its final episode on Kids' WB!, "Pasta La Vista", also its final episode dubbed by 4Kids Entertainment.
10	Terrence and Rocsi, winners from BET's "New Faces" search, become the new hosts of *106 & Park*, replacing the temporary hosts Big Tigger and Julissa.
	BET replaces its top 5 music video countdown show *BET.com Countdown* with *Hotwyred*, hosted by Lamorne and Alesha Renee.
13	BET replaces its entertainment and fashion-oriented show *BET Style* with *The Black Carpet*, hosted by Toure and Danella.

24	The program *Aquaman*, previously not broadcast, becomes available for download on the iTunes Music Store.

August[edit]

Date	Event
6	*Blue's Clues*, the preschool television series which pioneered its genre by encouraging viewer participation, airs its final episode on Nickelodeon after six seasons in almost 10 years on the air. Its spin-off series *Blue's Room* will continue airing until March of the following year.
14	*Rap City* host Mad Linx quits the show and is replaced by Q45.
21	Stargate SG-1 is canceled officially by SCI FI Channel after the premiere broadcast of the show's 200th episode after just five poor rated episodes. The tenth, and possibly final, season makes the show the longest broadcast science fiction series in American television history.
25	*The Cheetah Girls 2*, a sequel to *The Cheetah Girls* premieres on the Disney Channel and becomes the highest-rated Disney Channel original movie at that time, with ratings more than 8.1 million, exceeding that of *High School Musical*.
27	The Office wins Outstanding Comedy Series and 24 also wins for Outstanding Drama Series at the 58th Primetime Emmy Awards on NBC.

September[edit]

Date	Event
2	ESPN takes over production of ABC Sports broadcasts, rebranding them as ESPN on ABC. Both networks are owned by The Walt Disney Company.
4	MTV en Español is relaunched as MTV Tres.

5	Debut of the new News Corp-owned American broadcast network MyNetworkTV with the premiere of two prime-time telenovelas, Desire and Fashion House.
	Katie Couric becomes the first female sole anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, replacing the temporary anchor Bob Schieffer.
6	The longest-broadcast television drama program, *Guiding Light*, broadcasts its 15,000th televised episode.
8	The former Kids' WB series, Pokémon, makes its Cartoon Network debut with new voice actors.
9	Qubo debuts as a Saturday morning block on NBC as well as a Spanish-dubbed version on Telemundo and a Friday afternoon programming block on i: Independent Television.
11	*Wheel of Fortune* & *Jeopardy!* become the first game shows to be broadcast in High Definition.
	John O'Hurley replaces Richard Karn as the host of *Family Feud*.
12	Mike Malin is named the winner of *Big Brother: All-Stars* and wins the $500,000 prize. Runner-Up Erika Landin wins $50,000.
	Fox officially shuts down Foxnet, a cable service for television markets that did not have a local Fox affiliate.
13	Meredith Vieira begins co-hosting duties of the program *The Today Show*, replacing Katie Couric.
16	Following the Viacom/CBS split, the Nick Jr. on CBS block is replaced by KOL Secret Slumber Party, a female-oriented Saturday morning block produced by DiC Entertainment. Rebrandings took place a year later when it became KEWLopolis, and with the merge to Cookie Jar Entertainment in the fall of 2009, Cookie Jar TV.

18	The CW network debuts as the sixth broadcast network, merging with UPN (owned by CBS which split in the original Viacom, three days after UPN ceased operations) and The WB (owned by Warner Bros., a day after The WB ceased operations).
	Vickyann Sadowski wins $147,517 worth of cash and prizes for her performance for *The Price Is Right*. This not only made Sadowski the biggest winner of the daytime show's history, it also surpassed *Press Your Luck* contestant Michael Larson, making her the biggest one day winner in the history of American network daytime game shows in general.
20	*Top Gear* presenter Richard Hammond is seriously injured after crashing a jet-powered car at 280 mph.
25	*Fox & Friends* co-anchor E.D. Hill quits the show and is replaced by Gretchen Carlson.
	Outdoor Life Network is relaunched as Versus.

October[edit]

Date	Event
19	NBC Universal announces a major restructuring in order to save US$750 million after several years of decreasing ratings. Among the changes is the announcement that NBC will no longer broadcast scripted dramas or comedies during the first hour of prime time, emphasizing instead less-expensive reality and game shows during those hours. Its news division is also trimmed. The announcement is made despite the early success of several new NBC series such as *Heroes*.[2]
31	Bob Barker announces that he will be retiring from his hosting duties for *The Price Is Right* after 35 years in June 2007.

November[edit]

Date	Event

9	Nickelodeon broadcasts a 24-hour marathon of *SpongeBob SquarePants* starting at 8:00 PM leading to the new episode the following day. The marathon increased Nickelodeon's ratings to an average of more than 6.7 million viewers and became the network's most highest-rated day ever.[3]
16	On *General Hospital*, Luke and Laura Spencer remarry to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their first nuptials, which was the highest-rated hour in U.S. daytime television history.

Programs[edit]

Debuts (including scheduled)[edit]

Date	Debut	Network
January 1	*In Justice*	ABC
January 2	*It's a Big Big World*	PBS Kids
January 5	*Four Kings*	NBC
January 6	*The Book of Daniel*	
January 7	*Weekends with Maury and Connie*	MSNBC
January 8	*Campus Ladies*	Oxygen
January 12	*Crumbs*	ABC
January 17	*Love Monkey*	CBS
January 22	*Number 1 Single*	E!

January 23	*Courting Alex*	CBS
January 27	*The Emperor's New School*	Disney Channel
February 20	*Power Rangers Mystic Force*	Jetix
February 25	*Kappa Mikey*	Nicktoons
March 1	*Free Ride*	FOX
March 3	*Conviction*	NBC
March 12	*Big Love*	HBO
March 13	*The New Adventures of Old Christine*	CBS
March 15	*The Loop*	Fox
March 17	*Modern Men*	The WB
March 22	*Heist*	NBC
March 24	*Hannah Montana*	Disney Channel
March 28	*Teachers*	NBC
	Thief	FX
March 29	*The Bedford Diaries*	The WB

April 2	*So NoTORIous*	VH1
April 3	*Yo Momma*	MTV
April 9	*Just for Kicks*	Nickelodeon
April 15	*Eureka seveN*	Adult Swim
April 24	*La Fea Más Bella*	Univision
May 5	*Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*	Playhouse Disney
May 27	*Squirrel Boy*	Cartoon Network
May 28	*Fetch*	PBS Kids Go!
May 31	*The Hills*	MTV
June 2	*Beyond the Break*	TeenNick
June 6	*The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency*	Oxygen
June 10	*Celebrity Deathmatch*	MTV2
June 12	*Saved*	TNT
June 13	*ECW on Sci Fi*	Syfy
June 17	*Spider Riders*	Kids' WB

July 7	*Psych*	USA Network
July 10	*Hotwyred*	BET
July 13	*The Black Carpet*	
July 18	*Eureka*	Syfy
July 28	*The Replacements*	Disney Channel
August 6	*Metalocalypse*	Adult Swim
August 21	*Vanished*	Fox
August 26	*Viva Piñata*	4Kids TV
	Yin Yang Yo!	Jetix
August 28	*Fox Online*	Fox News Channel
	Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!	Nick Jr.
August 30	*Justice*	Fox
September 2	*ESPN on ABC*	ABC
September 4	*Curious George*	PBS Kids
September 5	*Desire*	MyNetworkTV

	Secrets	
	Standoff	Fox
September 7	*Happy Hour*	Fox
September 7	*'Til Death*	Fox
September 9	*Bleach*	Adult Swim
September 9	*Trinity Blood*	Adult Swim
September 9	*3-2-1 Penguins!*	Qubo on NBC
September 9	*Fantastic Four: World's Greatest Heroes*	Cartoon Network
September 9	*Growing Up Creepie*	Discovery Family
September 10	*NBC Sunday Night Football*	NBC
September 11	*Monday Night Football*	ESPN
September 11	*Judge Maria Lopez*	Syndication
September 12	*Greg Behrendt*	Syndication
September 15	*Men in Trees*	ABC

September 16	*Handy Manny*	Playhouse Disney
	Cake	KOL Secret Slumber Party
	Dance Revolution	
	Horseland	
	Strawberry Shortcake	
September 18	*American Idol Rewind*	Syndication
	The Megan Mullally Show	
	Rachael Ray	
	The Class	CBS
	Haversham Hall	Disney Channel
	Pucca	Jetix
	Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip	NBC
September 19	*Smith*	
September 20	*Kidnapped*	
	Jericho	CBS

September 21	*Six Degrees*	ABC
September 23	*Mr. Meaty*	Nickelodeon
	Legion of Super Heroes	Kids' WB
	Monster Allergy	
	Shaggy & Scooby-Doo Get a Clue!	
	Tom and Jerry Tales	
September 24	*Brothers & Sisters*	ABC
September 25	*Happy Tree Friends*	G4
	Heroes	NBC
	Runaway	The CW
	The Live Desk with Martha MacCallum	Fox News Channel
September 26	*Help Me Help You*	ABC
September 28	*Ugly Betty*	

September 30	*Grossology*	Discovery Family
October 1	*Dexter*	Showtime
	The Game	The CW
	House of Carters	E!
October 2	*The Duel* (*Real World/Road Rules Challenge*)	MTV
October 3	*Friday Night Lights*	NBC
October 4	*Beef: The Series*	BET
	Freak Show	Comedy Central
	The Nine	ABC
October 7	*Chaotic*	4Kids TV
October 11	*30 Rock*	NBC
	Twenty Good Years	
October 13	*1 vs. 100*	
October 16	*Frisky Dingo*	Adult Swim
	The Upside Down Show	Nick Jr.

October 22	*Celebrity Paranormal Project*	VH1
November 3	*Class of 3000*	Cartoon Network
November 4	*Rob & Big*	MTV
November 14	*3 lbs*	CBS
November 15	*Day Break*	ABC
November 26	*10 Items or Less*	TBS
	Assy McGee	Adult Swim
November 28	*Big Day*	ABC
December 6	*Watch Over Me*	MyNetworkTV
	Wicked Wicked Games	
December 11	*The Lost Room*	Syfy
December 18	*Identity*	NBC
	Perfect Disaster (*mini-series*)	Discovery Channel
	'Til Death Do Us Part	Court TV

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

The following shows will air new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes.

Show	Moved From	Moved To
Darcy's Wild Life	Discovery Kids on NBC	Discovery Family
Flight 29 Down		
Kenny the Shark		
Time Warp Trio		
Tutenstein		
7th Heaven	The WB	The CW
The Batman		
Beauty and the Geek		
Gilmore Girls		
One Tree Hill		
Reba		
Smallville		
Supernatural		

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Invader Zim	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons
Pokémon	4Kids TV	Cartoon Network
The Simple Life	FOX	E!
Time of Your Life		TBS
Power Rangers	Jetix	ABC Family

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 20	*The Book of Daniel*	2006
January 28	*Strange Days at Blake Holsey High*	2002
February 1	*E-Ring*	2005
February 5	*Strong Medicine*	2000
February 6	*Surface*	2005
February 7	*Crumbs*	2006
February 10	*Arrested Development*	2003
February 15	*Yes, Dear*	2000
	Kenny the Shark	2003

February 24	*Wildboyz*	
March 7	*Twins*	2005
March 8	*Still Standing*	2002
	Joey	2004
March 16	*Four Kings*	2006
March 18	*Darcy's Wild Life*	2004
	Fullmetal Alchemist	
March 19	*Number 1 Single*	2006
March 20	*Related*	2005
March 24	*Living with Fran*	
	The FBI Files	1998
	What I Like About You	2002
March 25	*Soul Train*	1971
March 29	*Courting Alex*	2006

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September 25	*Tom Goes to the Mayor*	2004
September 30	*Time Warp Trio*	2005
October 3	*Smith*	2006
October 15	*Runaway*	
October 29	*Inuyasha*	2002
November 1	*Twenty Good Years*	2006
November 2	*Happy Hour*	
November 8	*Beef: The Series*	
November 10	*Reading Rainbow*	1983
November 13	*Power Rangers Mystic Force*	2006
November 14	*As Told by Ginger*	2000
November 15	*Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*	2004
November 19	*NASCAR on NBC* (NBC only)	1999
November 20	*House of Carters*	2006

November 25	*The Fairly OddParents* (returned in 2008)	2001
	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	2002
November 28	*3 lbs*	2006
December 8	*Vanished*	
December 9	*Cake*	
December 12	*Help Me Help You*	
December 13	*The X's*	2005
December 15	*Krypto the Superdog*	
December 16	*Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!*	2004
December 17	*Sleeper Cell*	2005
December 22	*Justice*	2006
December 25	*Happy Tree Friends*	
December 26	*Danger Rangers*	2005
December 29	*The Big Comfy Couch*	1992

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel
January 20	*High School Musical*	Disney
January 30	*Flight 93*	A&E
August 25	*The Cheetah Girls 2*	Disney
September 11	*The Flight That Fought Back*	Discovery
September 16	*Mrs. Harris*	HBO

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 12	Anne Meacham	80	Actress (Louise on *Another World*)
January 14	Shelley Winters	85	Actress (Nana Mary on *Roseanne*)
February 3	Al Lewis	82	Actor (Grandpa on *The Munsters*, Leo Schnauser on *Car 54, Where Are You?*)
February 5	Franklin Cover	77	Actor (Tom Willis on *The Jeffersons*)
	Norma Candal	78	Actress (Petunia in *La criada malcriada*)
February 24	Dennis Weaver	81	Actor (Sam McCloud on *McCloud*, Chester Good on *Gunsmoke*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Don Knotts	81	Actor (Barney Fife on *The Andy Griffith Show*, Ralph Furley on *Three's Company*)
February 25	Darren McGavin	83	Actor (Hammer on *Mike Hammer*)
March 13	Peter Tomarken	63	Game show host (*Press Your Luck*, *Hit Man*, *Wipeout*)
March 25	Buck Owens	76	Musician, host of *Hee Haw*
March 27	Dan Curtis	78	Creator of *Dark Shadows*
April 17	Henderson Forsythe	88	Actor (*As the World Turns*)
April 30	Jay Bernstein	68	Producer (*Mike Hammer*); also manager to Suzanne Somers and Farrah Fawcett
May 29	James Brolan	42	CBS News sound technician, killed by a car bomb in Iraq
	Paul Douglas	48	CBS news cameraman, killed by a car bomb in Iraq
May 30	Robert Sterling	88	Actor (George Kerby on *Topper*)
June 6	Billy Preston	59	American musician
June 23	Aaron Spelling	83	Producer (*Dynasty*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *7th Heaven*, more)
June 28	Lennie Weinrib	71	Actor (*The Amazing Chan and the Chan Clan*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
July 3	Benjamin Hendrickson	55	Actor (*As the World Turns*)
July 19	Jack Warden	85	Actor (Harry Fox on *Crazy Like a Fox*, George Halas in *Brian's Song*)
	Tudi Wiggins	70	Actress (*Love of Life*)
July 21	Mako Iwamatsu	72	Voice (Iroh from *Avatar: The Last Airbender*)
August 11	Mike Douglas	86	Talk show host (*The Mike Douglas Show*)
September 4	Steve Irwin	44	Australian actor (*The Crocodile Hunter*)
October 20	Jane Wyatt	96	Actress (Margaret Anderson on *Father Knows Best*)
November 1	Bettye Ackerman	82	Actress (Dr. Maggie Graham on *Ben Casey*)
November 9	Ed Bradley	65	CBS News journalist (*60 Minutes*)
November 11	Belinda Emmett	32	Actress (Rebecca Nash in *Home and Away*)
December 12	Peter Boyle	71	Actor (Frank Barone on *Everybody Loves Raymond*)
December	Mike Evans	57	Actor (Lionel Jefferson on *All in the Family*, *The*

Date	Name	Age	Notability
14			*Jeffersons*)
December 18	Joseph Barbera	95	Animator (*The Flintstones* and many others)
December 26	Gerald Ford	93	38th President of the United States
December 28	Jared Nathan	21	Child actor (*ZOOM*)

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2007 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television in 2007**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel launches.

Notable events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
29	i: Independent Television was relaunched as ION Television.

February[edit]

Date	Event
1	NBC affiliate WNKY in Bowling Green, Kentucky signs-on WNKY-DT2 as a CBS affiliate, giving the Bowling Green market its first locally based CBS affiliate.[1]
22	*The O.C.*'s season finale airs on Fox.
23	After 8 years, Cartoon Network ends its Friday night block, *Fridays*. The block originally began as *Cartoon Cartoon Fridays* in June 1999, becoming *Summer Fridays* in May 2003 before being known simply as *Fridays* in late September of the same year.

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	NBC Universal launches Chiller, the first US cable/satellite channel devoted to horror programming.
	Sportscaster George Michael retires from Washington, D.C. TV station WRC-TV; his syndicated *The George Michael Sports Machine*, which originated from WRC, aired for the final time on March 25.
10	Playhouse Disney rebrands with all new mascots which are named Ooh and Ahh.
17	Cartoon Network's *Toonami* commemorates its 10th anniversary.

April[edit]

Date	Event

11	MSNBC announces its simulcast of radio's *Imus in the Morning* would be canceled, effective immediately, after public outcry against host Don Imus' derogatory remarks about the Rutgers University women's basketball team. Imus' relationship with his show's radio distributor, CBS Radio, would be terminated later in the spring over the same incident.

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	A headend, owned by Comcast, accidentally replaces an episode of Handy Manny on the Disney Channel with footage of graphic pornography for viewers in Lincroft, New Jersey. The incident is reported to Comcast, which investigates, but no findings are announced to the public.
5	For the first time in 5 years, WNBC New York revives the *We're 4 New York* campaign after they return for brief time during 2002 Winter Olympics. The song promos was stopped after 2008 Summer Olympics in 2008 in the wake of the "Lend America" incident.
20	*The Simpsons* reaches the landmark 400 episode milestone.
23	Jordin Sparks wins the 6th season of the popular singing competition *American Idol*; Blake Lewis is the runner up.
27	Flagship station WABC-TV Channel 7 New York is knocked off the air due to a newsroom studio fire at the 11PM newscast with Joe Torres and Sandra Bookman. The station briefly returned to carry an ABC West Coast flagship feed and a rebroadcast of ABC World News.

June[edit]

Date	Event
14	Trace Gallagher resigns as anchorman of *Fox Report Weekend* and is replaced by Laurie Dhue. As a result, *Studio B Weekend*, which was also anchored by Gallagher, is canceled.

15	Bob Barker hosts *The Price Is Right* for the final time, ending his 35-year tenure on the show and 50 years on television. CBS airs Barker's final episode in both its regular daytime slot and in prime time, the latter airing as a lead-in to the 34th Daytime Emmy Awards.
	For the first time ever, two soap operas share honors for Outstanding Drama Series at the Daytime Emmy Awards (*Guiding Light* and *The Young and the Restless*).
26	In an on-air protest over trivial journalism (specifically MSNBC producers ranking Paris Hilton's release from jail ahead of developments in the Iraq War), newsreader Mika Brzezinski attempts to set fire to a news script, tears up a second, and shreds a third.
	During installation of a new satellite receiver in Illinois, the Emergency Alert System is accidentally activated at 7:35 AM CDT. An Emergency Action Notification is issued for the United States, followed by dead air. This was played on almost every television and radio station in the Chicago area and throughout large portions of the state. The signal then switched to WGN radio. Garry Meier, then the announcer for WCKG, comes on the air, not knowing what has happened.

July[edit]

Date	Event
6	Cartoon Network announces its new Friday night block, *Fried Dynamite*.
23	Drew Carey is announced as the new host of *The Price Is Right*; his first episode as host aired on October 15.

August[edit]

Date	Event
17	The Disney Channel's premiere showing of *High School Musical 2* becomes the most-watched made-for-cable movie ever, drawing in 17.24 million viewers.

30	The Big Ten Network formally launches, but its debut is marred by its failure to reach carriage agreements with Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Charter Cable, and several other smaller providers serving the conference's geographical footprint. The dispute goes unsolved for nearly a year, causing millions of fans to miss several games seen in previous years via local syndication, public broadcasting stations connected to universities, and ESPN's family of networks.

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	In one of the first football games to air on the Big Ten Network, Appalachian State University upsets the University of Michigan, 34–32, at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, the first time a NCAA Division I FCS school defeats an AP-ranked school from the Bowl subdivision.
7	The soap opera *Passions* airs for the final time on NBC, only to resurface on September 17 as an exclusive presentation of DirecTV's 101 Network. The cancellation leaves *Days of Our Lives* as the last remaining soap opera on NBC.
8	The original *Live at Five* aired its final news broadcast on WNBC. After 25 years it was renamed.
10	Noggin ends its relationship with Sesame Workshop, though new or older shows would continue to air on some PBS stations or on PBS Kids Sprout.
15	KOL Secret Slumber Party was renamed KEWLopolis.
16	The 59th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony aired.

October[edit]

Date	Event

1	TBS becomes exclusively a national cable network after WTBS, the Atlanta, Georgia "superstation" from which it was born, becomes an Atlanta-only TV station as WPCH-TV (Peachtree TV).
	Trinity Broadcasting Network begins airing the long-awaited God Rocks state of the art cartoon series.
	The Tube Music Network officially ceases broadcasting.
15	Fox Business Network launches.
	Drew Carey replaces Bob Barker as the new host on The Price Is Right and airs his first show.

November[edit]

Date	Event
5	The Writers Guild of America commences a strike against television and movie production studios; the strike lasts until February 2008, but not before production on TV shows are halted and networks' schedules are severely disrupted.
12	Nickelodeon promotes its very first SpongeBob SquarePants TV movie, Atlantis SquarePantis, attracting 8.8 million viewers.
15	Jorja Fox appears for the last time as a regular cast member as investigator Sara Sidle on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*.
19	Firebrand, a nightly television program broadcast television advertising from around the world, debuts on Ion Television.

December[edit]

Date	Event
3	ESPN's *Monday Night Football* telecast of the unbeaten New England Patriots and the Baltimore Ravens draws 17.52 million viewers, breaking the basic cable viewership record set earlier in the year by Disney Channel's *High School Musical 2*.
23	Ashlee Register wins the $1,720,000 jackpot, along with a banked total of $75,000, for a grand total of $1,795,000 on *Duel*. She becomes the second female contestant to win $1,000,000 or more on a game show and sets the record for the highest amount of money won on a game show by a woman.
29	After weeks of political pressure (and, to a lesser extent, acknowledging the limited reach of the NFL Network), the National Football League allows that network's broadcast of the game between the New England Patriots and New York Giants to be simulcast nationally on league broadcast partners CBS and NBC. The Patriots would win the game to become the first team in NFL history to go undefeated in a 16-game regular season. (The teams would meet again later in Super Bowl XLII, where the Giants won the NFL title and prevented the Pats from going 19–0.)
31	Nickelodeon Games and Sports for Kids leaves the air (although it stayed on Dish Network until April 23, 2009, when it was replaced by the west coast feed of Cartoon Network) and is replaced by The N, allowing that kids-oriented network and its sister channel Noggin to air on a 24/7 basis after previously sharing the same channel space.

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Show	Network
January 1	*Engaged and Underage*	MTV
	High Maintenance 90210	E!

	Ooh, Aah & You	Playhouse Disney
	Poker After Dark	NBC
January 2	*Dirt*	FX
January 3	*In Case of Emergency*	ABC
	The Knights of Prosperity	
January 7	*Grease: You're the One That I Want!*	NBC
	I'm from Rolling Stone	MTV
	Just Jordan	Nickelodeon
January 8	*Ego Trip's The (White) Rapper Show*	VH1
	I Love New York	
	The Surreal Life: Fame Games	
January 10	*Armed & Famous*	CBS
January 12	*Cory in the House*	Disney Channel
January 17	*The Naked Trucker and T-Bones Show*	Comedy Central
January 20	*Bam's Unholy Union*	MTV

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	Power Rangers Operation Overdrive	Jetix
February 27	*Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?*	Fox
March 3	*El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera*	Nickelodeon
March 4	*Dice: Undisputed*	VH1
March 5	*The Land Before Time*	Cartoon Network
March 6	*Pussycat Dolls Present*	The CW
March 7	*The Wedding Bells*	Fox
March 10	*Blood+*	Adult Swim
March 12	*The Riches*	FX
March 13	*Bullrun*	Spike
March 14	*Halfway Home*	Comedy Central
March 15	*October Road*	ABC
	Raines	NBC
March 22	*This American Life*	Showtime
March 23	*Acceptable.TV*	VH1

March 27	*The Great American Dream Vote*	ABC
March 29	*1,000 Places to See Before You Die*	Travel Channel
April 1	*Sons of Hollywood*	A&E
	The Tudors	Showtime
April 3	*Hilary Duff: This Is Now*	MTV
April 5	*Adventures in Hollyhood*	
April 6	*Friday Night Premiere Thunder*	Cartoon Network
April 7	*Human Giant*	MTV
	Nick Cannon Presents: Short Circuitz	
April 9	*Culture Shock*	Travel Channel
April 10	*Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Inferno 3*	MTV
	Scarred	
April 12	*Notes from the Underbelly*	ABC
April 13	*Painkiller Jane*	Syfy
April 15	*Drive*	Fox

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June 1	*Demons*	
June 3	*Army Wives*	Lifetime
June 4	*Creature Comforts*	CBS
	The 5ive	BET
June 6	*Passport to Latin America*	Travel Channel
	Tyler Perry's House of Payne	TBS
June 10	*John from Cincinnati*	HBO
June 13	*Spike Guys' Choice Awards*	Spike
	Lil' Bush	Comedy Central
June 17	*Flight of the Conchords*	HBO
	Ice Road Truckers	History
	Man Caves	DIY Network
	Meadowlands	Showtime
June 18	*Age of Love*	NBC
	Heartland	TNT

June 24	*Friday: The Animated Series*	MTV2
June 25	*Wayside*	Nickelodeon
June 26	*Shaq's Big Challenge*	ABC
June 28	*Burn Notice*	USA Network
June 29	*The Best Years*	TeenNick
July 2	*Camouflage*	GSN
July 8	*American Body Shop*	Comedy Central
July 9	*Greek*	ABC Family
July 10	*Baldwin Hills*	BET
July 12	*General Hospital: Night Shift*	Soapnet
July 15	*Rock of Love with Bret Michaels*	VH1
July 16	*Victoria Beckham: Coming to America*	NBC
July 17	*The Bill Engvall Show*	TBS
July 19	*Mad Men*	AMC
July 23	*Saving Grace*	TNT

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	Tak and the Power of Juju	Nickelodeon
September 3	*Super Why!*	PBS Kids
	WordWorld	
	WordGirl	PBS Kids Go!
September 6	*Tim Gunn's Guide to Style*	Bravo
September 8	*Dinosaur King*	4Kids TV
	iCarly	Nickelodeon
	Torchwood	BBC America
September 10	*Tell Me You Love Me*	HBO
	The Steve Wilkos Show	Syndication
September 14	*Nashville*	Fox
	Out of Jimmy's Head	Cartoon Network
September 15	*Cake*	KEWLopolis
	Care Bears: Adventures in Care-a-lot	

	Horseland	
	Sabrina's Secret Life	
	Strawberry Shortcake	
September 17	*Passions*	The 101 Network
	K-Ville	Fox
September 19	*Back to You*	
	Kitchen Nightmares	
	Gossip Girl	The CW
	Manswers	Spike
	Kid Nation	CBS
September 22	*Eon Kid*	Kids' WB
	Skunk Fu!	
September 23	*CW Now*	The CW
	Online Nation	
September	*Chuck*	NBC

24	*Journeyman*	
	The Big Bang Theory	CBS
September 25	*Cane*	
	Reaper	The CW
September 26	*Bionic Woman*	NBC[2]
	Life	
	Dirty Sexy Money	ABC
	Private Practice	
September 27	*Big Shots*	
September 28	*Moonlight*	CBS
September 29	*Back at the Barnyard*	Nickelodeon
October 1	*Aliens in America*	The CW
	Digimon Data Squad	Jetix
	God Rocks : BibleToons	Trinity Broadcasting Network

	Dr. Steve-O	USA Network
October 2	*Sunday Best*	BET
	Carpoolers	ABC
	Cavemen	
October 3	*Pushing Daisies*	
October 4	*Last One Standing*	Discovery Channel
October 5	*About a Girl*	TeenNick
October 6	*Cash Explosion*	Syndication
October 7	*America's Most Smartest Model*	VH1
	Edgar & Ellen	Nicktoons
	Life Is Wild	The CW
October 9	*A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila*	MTV
October 12	*Say Yes to the Dress*	TLC
	Wizards of Waverly Place	Disney Channel
	Women's Murder Club	ABC

October 13	*The Future Is Wild*	Discovery Family
	The Search for the Next Elvira	Fox Reality Channel
October 14	*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*	E!
October 15	*Fox Business Morning*	Fox Business Network
	Money for Breakfast	
	The Salt-N-Pepa Show	VH1
	Samantha Who?	ABC
October 17	*Storm Chasers*	Discovery Channel
October 18	*Viva Laughlin*	CBS
October 19	*The Next Great American Band*	Fox
October 21	*Death Note*	Adult Swim
October 22	*Kaya*	MTV
October 24	*Phenomenon*	NBC
October 31	*MonsterQuest*	History
November 2	*Chowder*	Cartoon Network

	Orangutan Island	Animal Planet
	Biz Kid$	PBS Kids Go!
November 3	*DinoSquad*	KEWLopolis
	Sushi Pack	
November 5	*America's Pulse with E.D. Hill*	Fox News Channel
	Happening Now	
November 10	*Bunnytown*	Playhouse Disney
December 12	*Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants*	The CW
December 17	*Duel*	ABC
December 26	*Transformers: Animated*	Cartoon Network

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Previous network	Last aired	New network	Returning
Fox Online	Fox News Channel	2007	Same	July 14

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut

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July 8	*Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School*	
	Friday: The Animated Series	
July 15	*Saul of the Mole Men*	
July 16	*Extreme Makeover*	2002
	Victoria Beckham: Coming to America	2007
July 17	*Pirate Master*	
July 18	*American Heiress*	
	Saints & Sinners	
	Traveler	
July 20	*Standoff*	2006
July 22	*Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law*	2000
July 23	*Zorro: La Espada y la Rosa*	2007
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August 5	*The Simple Life*	2003

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	Passions (NBC Daytime)	1999
September 8	*KOL Secret Slumber Party*	2006
September 16	*The Dead Zone*	2002
	The 4400	2004
	Drake & Josh	
September 17	*Slacker Cats*	2007
September 21	*Nashville*	
	Painkiller Jane	
September 22	*Winx Club* (returned in 2011)	2004
September 23	*The 1/2 Hour News Hour*	2007
September 27	*Squirrel Boy*	2006
September 30	*Braves TBS Baseball*	1975
October 5	*Dame Chocolate*	2007
October 10	*Maya & Miguel*	2004

October 14	*Fox Online* (weekend revival)	2007
	Online Nation	
October 15	*LazyTown* (returned in 2013)	2004
October 18	*Celebrity Rap Superstar*	2007
October 20	*Fantastic Four: World's Greatest Heroes*	2006
October 21	*Viva Laughlin*	2007
October 30	*Queer Eye*	2003
October 31	*Quiznation*	2007
November 10	*That's So Raven*	2003
November 11	*Lucy, the Daughter of the Devil*	2007
November 12	*Dr. Steve-O*	
	Power Rangers Operation Overdrive	
November 13	*Cavemen*	
November 14	*Drawn Together*	2004
November 21	*Phenomenon*	2007

November 28	*Bionic Woman*	
November 30	*The 5ive*	
December 12	*Kid Nation*	
December 15	*Kaya*	
	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (returned in 2013)	1998
December 16	*Unfabulous*	2004
December 17	*K-Ville*	
December 18	*Cane*	2007
December 19	*Journeyman*	
	Parkinson	1971
December 20	*Clash of the Choirs*	2007
December 21	*The Next Great American Band*	

Changes of Network Affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
American Chopper	Discovery Channel	TLC

Batman: The Animated Series	Cartoon Network	Jetix
Pinky and the Brain	Nickelodeon	
Superman: The Animated Series	Kids' WB	
Crank Yankers	Comedy Central	MTV2
Kenny vs. Spenny	GSN	Comedy Central
Law & Order: Criminal Intent	NBC	USA Network
Passions		The 101
Play with Me Sesame	Noggin	PBS Kids Sprout
Tim Russert	CNBC	MSNBC
Imus in the Morning	MSNBC	RFD-TV

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Date of airing	Title	Channel
January 12	*Jump In!*	Disney Channel
June 8	*Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board*	
June 9	*Shredderman Rules*	Nickelodeon

Date of airing	Title	Channel
August 17	*High School Musical 2*	Disney Channel
October 12	*Twitches Too*	

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
June 6	Aubrey Anderson-Emmons	Actress (*Modern Family*)
August 28	August Maturo	Actor (*Girl Meets World*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 14	Darlene Conley	72	Actress (*The Bold and the Beautiful*)
January 16	Benny Parsons	65	Race car driver, TV announcer / analyst
January 22	Doug Blasdell	44	Personal trainer (*Work Out*)
January 30	Sidney Sheldon	89	Writer, creator (*I Dream of Jeannie*)
January 31	Lee Bergere	88	Actor (*Dynasty*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 8	Anna Nicole Smith	39	Model and actress (*The Anna Nicole Show*)
April 11	Roscoe Lee Browne	81	Actor (voice of Kingpin on *Spider-Man*)
May 7	Nicholas Worth	69	Actor
May 15	Jerry Falwell	73	Pastor, televangelist
May 25	Charles Nelson Reilly	76	Actor and game show panelist (*The Match Game*)
May 27	Gretchen Wyler	75	Actress
June 21	Carlos Romero	80	Actor
June 24	Chris Benoit	40	Professional wrestler and star of ECW(WWE)
July 29	Tom Snyder	71	Talk show host (*Tomorrow Show*)
November 14	Ronnie Burns	72	Actor (*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show*)

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2008 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting American television in 2008. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel launches.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	CourtTV is rebranded as TruTV
2	An interim agreement between Worldwide Pants Incorporated and the Writers Guild of America allows the *Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* to return with their full writing staffs, in spite of the ongoing WGA strike. By contrast, NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and *Last Call with Carson Daly* and ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, which are all produced by their respective networks, went back on the air without writers (except for Jay Leno, who writes his own material).
7	Due to the writers strike, plans to hold the 65th Golden Globe Awards ceremony were scrapped. A press conference which announced the winners was substituted for the program.
27	Discovery Times was renamed "Investigation Discovery".[1] In addition to the television network, an Investigation Discovery website was also launched. Contributors to the website include crime writers David Lohr, Corey Mitchell, and Gary C. King.[citation needed]

February[edit]

Date	Event
2	VH1 Uno is discontinued by MTV Networks to expand distribution of mtvU beyond college campuses and onto regular cable systems.
3	Fox's telecast of Super Bowl XLII surpasses Super Bowl XXX as the most watched Super

	Bowl game on television (up to this point), and the most watched program in the network's history. It also becomes the second most watched television program trailing the 1983 *M*A*S*H* series finale and the highest rated telecast in Nielsen ratings since Super Bowl XXXIV.
	Animal Planet "relaunched" itself as part of a new branding campaign that "sheds its soft and furry side for programming and an image with more bite."[2] As part of the relaunch, Animal Planet replaced its elephant and spinning globe logo for a starker text image that allows more flexibility in its usage.[3]
8	The CW Television Network and the WWE announced that *WWE Friday Night SmackDown* would leave the CW prime time schedule at the end of the 2007–2008 season. The news stepped in after negotiations between the CW and WWE failed to reach a deal to keep the show on the CW lineup. Three weeks later on February 26, MyNetworkTV announced that they would pick up the program and would add it to its lineup in September.
9	Both the Writers Guild of America and Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers reach a tentative deal resolving the strike. Members vote three days later to end the strike.
17	The conversion of NTSC analog channels to DT channels using the ATSC system begins in the United States, with TV stations making last minute filings and their intentions about when they will start their switchover ahead of the February 17, 2009, mandatory date. Also, the US government starts mailing out (USD)$40.00 coupons/rebates to consumers to use in buying DTV converters before the switchover.
	In a two-hour television film *Knight Rider* returned to NBC with a new KITT being portrayed as a black 2008 Ford Shelby GT500KR Mustang and voiced by actor Val Kilmer.
18	Nickelodeon celebrates the revival of its hit show *The Fairly OddParents* with the television film *Fairly OddBaby*. This has been the first new episode since 2006.
24	ABC's telecast of the 80th Academy Awards draws record low ratings in the history of the ceremony's telecast surpassing the ratings from the ceremony that took place in 2003. 31.76 million on average watched the show over its entire run with a Nielsen rating of 18.66 households watching.

25	Fox News Channel rebrands its *Fox News Live* and *Weekend Live* telecasts as *America's Election Headquarters*, a news program related to the 2008 presidential election. The weekday edition replaces *The Big Story* in the 5 p.m. timeslot. The *Fox News Live* name would still be used for headline segments through November.
29	CBS' soap opera *Guiding Light* unveils a new opening for the town of Peapack-Gladstone, New Jersey, while still filming in New York City, New York.

March[edit]

Date	Event
7	*Press Your Luck*'s own Michael Hanes wins $1,127,062 on *The Price is Right*.
10	Fox Sports New York rebranded MSG Plus because Cablevision announced that it would be (branded in logos as "MSG+"), restructuring it as a spin-off of MSG Network.[4]
12	The USA TV website *Hulu* went live.
14	Laurie Dhue, anchor of *Fox Report Weekend*, leaves Fox News Channel after 8 years. She is replaced by Julie Banderas, co-anchor of *America's Election Headquarters* on weekends.
20	As part of that same rebranding effort, The History Channel dropped "The" and "Channel" from its name to become simply "History."[5]
26	CBS' soap opera *The Young and the Restless* celebrates its 35th Anniversary, a year after its sister soap opera *The Bold and the Beautiful* marks 20 years.
27	WNBC/New York City scraps the airing of Access Hollywood in favor of the Paid Advertistment by Lend America. Station GM Frank Comerford resigned in the wake of the controversy and the station management apologized a day after the incident.[6] 6 days after the incident, the station restored the "*4 New York*" branding for non-news programming and *News 4 New York* for news programing.[7]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	ABC's soap opera *General Hospital* celebrates its 45th Anniversary, two years after the April 2, 2006 50th Anniversary of CBS' *As the World Turns*.
7	Bill Self's Kansas Jayhawks defeat John Calipari's Memphis Tigers (75–68) at the end of the 2008 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship Game at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, and celebrate their victory.[8]
28	The WB Television Network, a former television channel launches again as an online website only.

May[edit]

Date	Event
11	Former model Parvati Shallow was announced the winner of *Survivor: Micronesia*. It was also announced that the next season will be filmed in high definition.
16	The Wilmington, North Carolina television market is selected by the FCC to be the first television market in the United States to sign off their analog channels for ATSC early, starting September 8.
21	David Cook became the winner of *American Idol*: season seven.
24	After over thirteen years, Kids' WB ceases airing and became The CW4Kids. (That same day, Kids' WB launched as an online website.)
	Superstation WGN changed its name to WGN America (initially, the use of the new name was limited to on-air promotions, as the Superstation WGN channel IDs remained in place). The new WGN America name and logo went into full-time use on May 26, 2008. The new logo

	was also the first used by the superstation feed to not incorporate WGN-TV's on-air logo branding in some capacity (the "WGN" text was similar in resemblance, although the "G" was not formed into an ovular arrow as it is in WGN-TV's logo), and its design featured the eyes of a female, which was used alongside the new slogan "TV You Can't Ignore".

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	A large fire damages portions of Universal Studios Hollywood near Los Angeles, south of Burbank where NBC's soap opera *Days of Our Lives* is filmed.
4	Facing increased competition in the home-oriented programming sector, Discovery Communications planned a 24-hour channel focused on eco-friendly living in an attempt to capitalize on a rising environmental movement.[9] Discovery Home was relaunched as the environmentally-themed Planet Green at 6:00 p.m. ET.
19	Big Ten Network and Comcast announced a carriage agreement deal. The channel was added to Comcast on August 15.
28	The first episode of *Saturday Night Live* was re-aired following the death of first host George Carlin, who died six days earlier on June 22.

July[edit]

Date	Event
7	The Jewelry Channel, a U.S. home shopping service that was shown mostly on DirecTV and Dish Network, launches a going-out-of-business sale for its remaining items that was shown on the channel that would last until December 1. From December 1 onwards, TJC is now doing business as The Liquidation Channel.
15	ABC's soap opera *One Life to Live* (created by Agnes Nixon) celebrates its 40th anniversary, two years before another ABC soap opera *All My Children* (also created by Agnes Nixon)

	celebrates 40 years in 2010.
21	MGM Television and Weigel Broadcasting announce the launching of a new broadcast network designed for digital subchannels in the United States called This TV.

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	Bowing to concerns by the Fox network over its Mexican-based operations, XETV, its affiliate in San Diego licensed to Tijuana, Mexico, swaps affiliations with CW affiliate KSWB-TV.
7	The Florence/Myrtle Beach, South Carolina television market gets its first-ever NBC affiliate, WMBF-TV.
8	After 50 years of being served by WTAE-TV/Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Wheeling-Steubenville and Clarksburg-Fairmont TV markets get their first full-time ABC affiliates, as CBS affiliate WTRF/Wheeling, West Virginia adds an ABC affiliate on its DT3 subchannel and sister station & NBC affiliate WBOY-TV/Clarksburg, West Virginia does the same on its DT2 subchannel. Both stations had been ABC secondary affiliates in the past.
28	ESPNU launches its HD version to only five American cable television or satellite carriers.[10]
31	Big Ten Network reached carriage deal agreements with Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications, Brighthouse Networks, Mediacom and Cox Communications, ending the "cable carriage controversies" that the network had in its first year of existence. The network is now on all major cable TV systems in The Big Ten Region.
	After 10 years on the air, PBS pulls *Teletubbies* off the PBS Kids block and remains off the air until 2015.

September[edit]

Date	Event

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1	Music: High Definition (MHD) is renamed Palladia.
	PBS Kids re-brands its idents and promos, which are created by Primal Screen; Primal Screen had produced promotional elements for PBS Kids since 2000.
5	*Stand Up to Cancer*, an event designed to raise cancer awareness, airs on ABC, CBS, NBC and E! in the United States, and on CTV, Citytv and Global in Canada.
8	The Wilmington, North Carolina television market officially becomes the first TV market in the United States to have all of its stations broadcast exclusively in digital, using the ATSC system.
15	WTMJ-TV/Milwaukee drops almost all syndicated programming except for *Better* and weekend niche programs in late night, featuring a lineup that consists of local news (including a four-hour afternoon news block from 3 to 7 pm, a first in the United States Central Time Zone) and NBC programming.
20	After 11 years run on the Cartoon Network, the action-adventure block, Toonami, has been canceled, effective 11 pm EST and later it returned in 2012.
21	60th Primetime Emmy Awards broadcasts on ABC.
29	Programming block Ready Set Learn ends on TLC. Discovery Kids would re-branded as The Hub two years later.

October[edit]

Date	Event
7	NBC announces that NBC Weather Plus would sign off at the end of the year.

17	United States Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minnesota 6th) makes headlines when she asks for an investigation into whether of members of the United States Congress are anti-American during a live interview on *Hardball with Chris Matthews*.
20	CBS announces it has signed an affiliation deal with ABC affiliate WENY-TV in Elmira, New York, giving the Elmira-Corning market its first locally based CBS affiliate. The affiliation takes effect on cable February 17, 2009 (when WENY-TV requests a flash-cut from analog to digital broadcasting), and over-the-air on WENY-DT2 at the end of May (when WENY-TV performs its flash-cut).
24	Barack Obama airs a 30-minute infomercial that airs on CBS, NBC, Fox, BET, Univision, MSNBC and TV One. The infomercial is seen by 33.6 million viewers.
25	K07YM in Bend, Oregon, a translator of CBS affiliate KOIN in Portland, Oregon, is converted to a stand-alone station as KBNZ-LD, giving the Bend market its first-ever CBS affiliate.

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids debuts.
4	CNN becomes the first channel in the history to use hologram technology on television, during the 2008 United States Presidential Election. CNN's Jessica Yellin became the first person ever to be transmitted via hologram, followed by Will.i.am of The Black Eyed Peas.[11]
5	At the end of the 2008 presidential election, Fox News Channel rebrands *America's Election Headquarters* as *America's News Headquarters*. Also, the headline segments now use that name.
19	Flint, Michigan PBS affiliate WFUM-TV (a.k.a. Michigan Television) permanently turned off its analog signal and is now broadcasting exclusively in digital, 9 months before the federally mandated analog shut off date of June 12, 2009, becoming the first station in its market, as well as the first PBS station in Michigan, to broadcast in digital only.[12][13]

20	The CW announces that it has terminated its Sunday Night deal with Media Rights Capital.
29	To settle a court dispute between itself and rival NBC affiliate WLIO, Metro Video Productions, owners of three low-power stations in Lima, Ohio (Fox/MyNetworkTV affiliate WOHL-CA, CBS affiliate WLMO-LP, and ABC affiliate WLQP-LP), sells all three stations to West Central Ohio Broadcasting, a division of Block Communications (parent company of WLIO). The dispute stems from Fox's plans in late 2007 to leave WOHL-CA and enter into talks to join a digital subchannel of full-power WLIO, despite WOHL-CA outrating WLIO in primetime. The sale is finalized on February 5, 2009.

December[edit]

Date	Event
1	WBQC-CA/Cincinnati, Ohio asks the FCC permission to change its callsign to WKRP in honor of the television series that was set in the city.
4	For the first time ever, a live music special is used to announce the nominees for the 51st Grammy Awards.
8	HD versions of Comcast's cable channels The Style Network, E! Entertainment Television and G4 launch. Golf Channel and Versus also break apart from their combined HD network to full simulcasts of their regular schedule on separate HD networks.
	The Tribune Company, owners of WGN-TV/Chicago and KTLA/Los Angeles, among other properties, files for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.
27	After over eighteen years, Fox drops children's programming. Its final children's programming block, 4Kids TV, goes off the air, and 4Kids Entertainment directs its programming to The CW4Kids. 4Kids TV would later launch as an online-only website on the same day.
29	After four years, Adult Swim changed from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
31	Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks announce they are no longer carrying Viacom channels unless they come to an agreement with Viacom. They come to an

	agreement at the last minute.
	NBC Weather Plus is shut down.

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Debuts[edit]

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	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Nick Jr.
	Lipstick Jungle	NBC
February 18	*Power Rangers Jungle Fury*	Jetix
March 2	*Unhitched*	Fox
March 4	*New Amsterdam*	
March 7	*Chop Socky Chooks*	Cartoon Network
March 8	*The Spectacular Spider-Man*	Kids' WB
March 10	*Canterbury's Law*	Fox
March 14	*The Return of Jezebel James*	
March 15	*World of Quest*	Kids' WB
March 16	*John Adams*	HBO
March 18	*Miss Guided*	ABC
March 30	*Tracey Ullman's State of the Union*	Showtime
April 12	*Groomer Has It*	Animal Planet

Date	Title	Network
April 18	*Ben 10: Alien Force*	Cartoon Network
April 22	*A Shot at Love II with Tila Tequila*	MTV
	The Big Green Help	Nickelodeon
April 26	*The Mighty B!*	
April 30	*Farmer Wants a Wife*	The CW
May 14	*1000 Ways to Die*	Spike TV
May 24	*The CW4Kids*	The CW
	Denise Richards: It's Complicated	E!
	Living Lohan	
June 1	*Million Dollar Password*	CBS
June 5	*Swingtown*	
	The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack	Cartoon Network
	Total Drama	
June 9	*Monster Buster Club*	Jetix

Date	Title	Network
June 24	*I Survived a Japanese Game Show*	ABC
	Wipeout	
June 27	*Dance Machine*	
July 1	*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*	ABC Family
July 11	*Flashpoint*	CBS
	Queen Bees	TeenNick
July 13	*Generation Kill*	HBO
July 14	*The Wendy Williams Show*	Syndication
July 15	*Must Love Kids*	TLC
July 21	*Wanna Bet?*	ABC
July 29	*Jurassic Fight Club*	History Channel
August 3	*Pam: Girl on the Loose!*	E!
August 15	*Outsiders Inn*	CMT
August 21	*The Principal's Office*	truTV

Date	Title	Network
September 1	*Raising the Bar*	TNT
	Martha Speaks	PBS Kids
	Sid the Science Kid	
September 2	*90210*	The CW
September 3	*Sons of Anarchy*	FX
September 6	*Imagination Movers*	Playhouse Disney
September 7	*Little Amadeus*	PBS Kids
	True Blood	HBO
September 8	*The Bonnie Hunt Show*	Syndication
	The Doctors	
	Family Court with Judge Penny	
	The Rachel Maddow Show	MSNBC
September 9	*Privileged*	The CW
	Fringe	Fox

Date	Title	Network
September 10	*Do Not Disturb*	
September 13	*Yu-Gi-Oh! 5D's*	The CW4Kids
September 15	*My Family's Got Guts*	Nickelodeon
September 18	*Survivor: Gabon*	CBS
September 22	*Worst Week*	
September 23	*Opportunity Knocks*	ABC
	The Mentalist	CBS
September 24	*Gary Unmarried*	
	Knight Rider	NBC
September 26	*The Suite Life on Deck*	Disney Channel
September 28	*Little Britain USA*	HBO
September 30	*Paris Hilton's My New BFF*	MTV
October 3	*The Ex List*	CBS
	Sanctuary	Syfy

Date	Title	Network
	The Secret Saturdays	Cartoon Network
	Star Wars: The Clone Wars	
October 4	*1st Look*	NBC
	Making Fiends	Nicktoons
October 5	*Easy Money*	The CW
	In Harm's Way	
	Valentine	
October 7	*The Real Housewives of Atlanta*	Bravo
October 8	*The Tony Rock Project*	MyNetworkTV
October 9	*Eleventh Hour*	CBS
	Kath & Kim	NBC
	Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday	
	Life on Mars	ABC
	Testees	FX

Date	Title	Network
October 11	*Dogs 101*	Animal Planet
October 13	*My Own Worst Enemy*	NBC
	Unsolved Mysteries	Spike
October 15	*Chocolate News*	Comedy Central
October 17	*Crash*	Starz
	Crusoe	NBC
	Ghost Adventures	Travel Channel
October 18	*Giada at Home*	Food Network
	Hulk Hogan's Celebrity Championship Wrestling	CMT
October 20	*Rita Rocks*	Lifetime
	Real Chance of Love	VH1
	Scream Queens	
October 22	*Stylista*	The CW
October 23	*6teen*	Cartoon Network

Date	Title	Network
October 25	*D. L. Hughley Breaks the News*	CNN
October 27	*Cars Toons*	Disney Channel
	Dead Set	E4
October 30	*Lost Tapes*	Animal Planet
November 1	*Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids*	This TV
	Legend of the Seeker	Syndication
November 5	*America's News Headquarters*	Fox News Channel
November 8	*True Jackson, VP*	Nickelodeon
November 14	*Batman: The Brave and the Bold*	Cartoon Network
November 29	*The Penguins of Madagascar*	Nickelodeon
December 7	*Leverage*	TNT
December 9	*A Double Shot at Love*	MTV
December 29	*Bromance*	
	The City	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to
1st and 10	ESPN	ESPN2
The Contender		Versus
Bigfoot Presents: Meteor and the Mighty Monster Trucks	TLC	Discovery Family
Hi-5		
Hip Hop Harry		
The Magic School Bus		
ToddWorld		
Wilbur		
Maisy	Noggin	Qubo
Emeril Live	Food Network	Fine Living
Fantastic Four	Fox Kids	Jetix
Iron Man		
The Incredible Hulk (reruns)	UPN Kids	

Friday Night Lights	NBC	The 101 Network
High School Reunion	The WB	TV Land
Inside the NFL	HBO	Showtime
Phineas and Ferb	Disney Channel	Toon Disney
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody		
The Whitest Kids U' Know	Fuse	IFC
Jon & Kate Plus 8	Discovery Health Channel	TLC
Nashville Star	USA	NBC
One Piece	Toonami	Adult Swim and [1]
Futurama	Fox and Adult Swim	Comedy Central
Paradise Hotel	Fox	MyNetworkTV
WWE Friday Night SmackDown	The CW	
World Poker Tour	Travel Channel and GSN	GSN and Fox Sports Net
Yu-Gi-Oh! GX	4KidsTV and Cartoon Network	The CW4Kids
Dinosaur King	4KidsTV	

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		
Viva Piñata		
Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime	Spike
Johnny Test	Kids' WB	Cartoon Network
Mr. Meaty	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons
My Life as a Teenage Robot		

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Previous network	Last aired	New network	Returning
Paradise Hotel	Fox	2003	MyNetworkTV	February 4
The Fairly OddParents	Nickelodeon	2006	Same	February 18
Futurama	Fox	2003	Comedy Central	March 23
The Bachelorette	ABC	2005	Same	May 19
The Mole		2004		June 2

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut
January 1	*The Upside Down Show*	2006
	Mission: Man Band	2007
January 2	*Newport Harbor: The Real Orange County*	
January 6	*I Love New York*	
January 7	*Higglytown Heroes*	2004
January 18	*Game Head*	2005
January 21	*Codename: Kids Next Door*	2002
January 23	*The Land Before Time*	2007
	Power of 10	
January 24	*Big Shots*	
January 27	*Shorts in a Bunch*	
January 28	*Madre Luna*	
January 30	*Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants*	

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March 1	*Eon Kid*	
	Johnny Test (returned in 2009)	2005
March 3	*The Palace*	2008
	Welcome to The Captain	
March 4	*Carpoolers*	2007
March 9	*The Wire*	2002
	Quarterlife	2008
March 10	*October Road*	2007
March 13	*The NightCap*	2008
March 14	*Tucker*	2005
March 15	*One Piece* (returned in 2013)	2004
	Shaggy & Scooby-Doo Get a Clue!	2006
	Control Room Presents	2007
March 21	*Wilbur*	

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May 9	*Merv Griffin's Crosswords*	2007
May 13	*Beauty and the Geek*	2005
	Women's Murder Club	2007
May 14	*Back to You*	
May 15	*Lil' Bush*	
May 16	*Moonlight*	
	The Montel Williams Show	1991
May 17	*Kids' WB*	1995
May 18	*Aliens in America*	2007
May 19	*Paradise Hotel*	2003
May 20	*Shark*	2006
May 25	*Class of 3000*	
May 26	*Flavor of Love*	
	Wildfire	2005

Date	Show	Debut
May 29	*Out of Jimmy's Head*	2007
May 30	*WWE Heat*	1998
May 31	*HolbyBlue*	2007
	My Kid's a Star	2008
June 8	*Day Break*	2006
June 11	*Men in Trees*	
June 13	*America's Pulse with E.D. Hill*	2007
	Pecados Ajenos	
	Temptation	
June 14	*World of Quest*	2008
June 21	*Dance on Sunset*	
	Growing Up Creepie	2006
June 25	*Farmer Wants a Wife*	2008
June 28	*Endurance*	2002

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August 11	*The Mole*	2001
August 17	*All Grown Up!*	2003
	Code Monkeys	2007
	Fat Guy Stuck in Internet	
August 22	*Richard & Judy*	2001
August 23	*ChalkZone*	2002
	Yu-Gi-Oh! GX	2005
September 1	*The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*	
	Wayside	2007
September 4	*Chop Socky Chooks*	2008
September 5	*Judge Maria Lopez*	2006
	Northwest Afternoon	1984
	Swingtown	2008
September 12	*Cory in the House*	2007

Date	Show	Debut
September 13	*El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera*	
September 15	*Grange Hill*	1978
September 20	*Kappa Mikey*	2006
	Toonami (returned in 2012)	1997
	E!'s Pam: Girl on the Loose!	2008
September 24	*Do Not Disturb*	
September 26	*Fried Dynamite*	2007
	The Paz Show	2003
September 27	*Robotboy*	2005
	My Family's Got GUTS	2008
October 2	*MTV's Top Pop Group*	
October 11	*Tutenstein*	2003
October 12	*The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy*	
October 21	*General Hospital: Night Shift*	2007

Date	Show	Debut
	The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency	2006
October 24	*The Ex List*	2008
October 25	*America's Toughest Jobs*	
	Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion	
October 26	*In Harm's Way*	
October 29	*Rap City*	1989
October 30	*Edgar & Ellen*	2007
November 1	*Digimon Data Squad*	
	Making Fiends	2008
November 3	*Power Rangers Jungle Fury*	
November 16	*Total Request Live*	1998
November 20	*The Emperor's New School*	2006
November 21	*Postcards from Buster*	2004
November 25	*The Shield*	2002

Date	Show	Debu t
November 27	*My Gym Partner's a Monkey*	2005
December 6	*DinoSquad*	2007
	Horseland	2006
December 7	*Rugrats Pre-School Daze*	2008
December 8	*Boston Legal*	2004
December 12	*South of Nowhere*	2005
December 15	*My Own Worst Enemy*	2008
December 17	*Stylista*	
December 18	*Moral Orel*	2005
December 24	*The Black Carpet*	2006
December 27	*4Kids TV*	2005
December 31	*NBC Weather Plus*	2004

Made-for-TV movies[edit]

Date of airing	Title	Channel
January 25	*Minutemen*	Disney Channel
March 16	*The Cutting Edge: Chasing the Dream*	ABC Family
April 20	*Princess*	
June 8	*The Circuit*	
June 20	*Camp Rock*	Disney Channel
July 13	*Picture This*	ABC Family
August 22	*The Cheetah Girls: One World*	Disney Channel
September 6	*Samurai Girl*	ABC Family
September 12	*Gym Teacher: The Movie*	Nickelodeon
October 18	*Living Proof*	Lifetime

Miniseries[edit]

Premiere	Title	Channel
March 16	*John Adams*	HBO

Premiere	Title	Channel
May 26	*The Andromeda Strain*	A&E
July 13	*Generation Kill*	HBO
November 16	*Rugrats Pre-School Daze*	Nickelodeon

Births[edit]

Date	Name	Notability
September 17	Mia Talerico	Actress (*Good Luck Charlie*)

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 6	Bob LeMond	94	Radio and TV announcer (*Ozzie and Harriet*, *Leave it to Beaver*)
January 17	Allan Melvin	84	Actor (*Magilla Gorilla*, *The Brady Bunch*, *All in the Family*)
January 18	Lois Nettleton	80	Actress (*In the Heat of the Night*)
January 19	Suzanne Pleshette	70	Actress (Emily Hartley on *The Bob Newhart Show*)
January 24	Jahna Steele	49	Transgender entertainer (was "outed" on *A Current Affair* in 1992, guest-starred on *NYPD Blue*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 1	Shell Kepler	49	Actress and presenter (*General Hospital*, HSN host)
February 4	Augusta Dabney	89	Actress (*Another World*, *A World Apart*, *Loving*)
February 6	John McWethy	60	ABC News correspondent from 1979 to 2006
February 10	Ron Leavitt	60	Writer and producer (*Happy Days*, *Married... with Children*)
	Roy Scheider	75	Actor (Capt. Bridger on *seaQuest*)
	Steve Gerber	60	Illustrator/animator (*Thundarr The Barbarian*)
February 12	David Groh	68	Actor (Joe Gerard on *Rhoda*)
February 14	Perry Lopez	78	Character actor (*Star Trek*)
February 18	Grits Gresham	85	Outdoor sportscaster (*The American Sportsman*)
February 27	Myron Cope	79	Sportscaster at WTAE/Pittsburgh and color commentator for Pittsburgh Steelers broadcasts
	William F. Buckley, Jr.	82	Host and commentator (*Firing Line*)
March 16	Ivan Dixon	76	Actor, producer and director (*Hogan's Heroes*)
April 5	Charlton Heston	84	Actor (*The Colbys*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 8	Stanley Kamel	65	Actor (*Monk*)
May 1	Hager Twins	66	One-half of Hager Twins and a regular on *Hee Haw*
May 2	Beverlee McKinsey	72	Soap opera actress (*Another World*, *Texas*, *Guiding Light*)
May 11	Dick Sutcliffe	90	Christian children's' TV producer/animator (*Davey and Goliath*)
May 15	Alexander Courage	88	Composer (*Star Trek* theme song)
May 18	Joseph Pevney	96	Director (*Bonanza*)
May 24	Dick Martin	86	Comedian and director (*Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*)
May 25	Mitch Mullany	39	Actor (*Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher*)
May 26	Earle Hagen	88	Music composer (*The Andy Griffith Show*)
	Sydney Pollack	73	Producer, director and actor (*The Fugitive*, *Will & Grace*, *The Sopranos*)
May 29	Harvey Korman	81	Actor and comedian (*The Carol Burnett Show*, *The Flintstones*)
June 2	Mel Ferrer	90	Actor, producer and director (*Falcon Crest*, *Return of the Saint*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
June 7	Jim McKay	86	Sportscaster and journalist for ABC, CBS and NBC Sports
	Neil MacNeil	85	Journalist (*Washington Week in Review*)
June 12	Charlie Jones	77	Sportscaster for NBC and ABC Sports; play-by-play TV announcer for AFL and NFL games
June 13	Tim Russert	58	Journalist for NBC News and host of *Meet the Press* from 1991 to 2008
June 15	Tony Schwartz	84	Sound archivist, ad executive and creator of Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 "Daisy" political ad
June 17	Cyd Charisse	86	Actress, dancer (*The Love Boat, Frasier, Fantasy Island, Burke's Law*)
June 21	Kermit Love	91	Puppeteer, costume designer, actor (*Sesame Street*)
June 22	Dody Goodman	93	Actress (*Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*)
	George Carlin	71	Actor, writer, comedian (*The George Carlin Show, Shining Time Station*)
June 29	Don S. Davis	65	Actor (*Stargate SG-1*, *Twin Peaks*)
July 3	Larry Harmon	83	Entertainer (*Bozo the Clown*)
July 4	Jesse Helms	86	Politician and journalist for WRAL-TV, Raleigh, North Carolina

Date	Name	Age	Notability
July 12	Tony Snow	53	Commentator (*Fox News Sunday*) and White House Press Secretary
July 17	Larry Haines	89	Actor (*Search for Tomorrow*)
July 21	K-Swift	29	Club radio DJ, hip-hop producer and remixer (*The Wire*, *BET's Rap City*)
July 22	Estelle Getty	84	Actress (*The Golden Girls*)
August 6	John K. Cooley	80	Journalist and author (ABC News)
August 7	Bernie Brillstein	77	Producer and agent (*Buffalo Bill*, *ALF*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *NewsRadio*)
August 9	Bernie Mac	50	Actor and comedian (*The Bernie Mac Show*)
August 10	Isaac Hayes	65	Singer, songwriter and voiceover artist (*South Park*)
August 12	Bill Stulla	97	"Engineer Bill" – children's show host ("Cartoon Express" on KHJ-TV/Los Angeles from 1954 to 1966)
August 19	Julius Carry	56	Actor (*Doctor, Doctor*, *The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.*)
August 31	Ike Pappas	75	News reporter (CBS News)
September 1	Don LaFontaine	68	Voice-over announcer (*Entertainment Tonight*)
	Jerry Reed	71	Actor and singer (*The New Scooby-Doo Movies*, *The Glen*

Date	Name	Age	Notability
			Campbell Goodtime Hour, *The Concrete Cowboys*, *Hee Haw*)
September 12	George Putnam	94	News personality
October 5	Lloyd Thaxton	81	Host and producer (*The Lloyd Thaxton Show*, *Fight Back! With David Horowitz*)
October 11	Neal Hefti	85	Theme music composer (*Batman*, *The Odd Couple (the film) and the TV series)*)
October 15	Jack Narz	85	Game show host (*Beat the Clock*, *Concentration*)
October 25	Anne Pressly	26	Anchorwoman and special assignment reporter for KATV/Little Rock, Arkansas
November 4	Michael Crichton	66	Author and screenwriter (*ER*)
November 11	Herb Score	75	Baseball player and TV/Radio play-by-play announcer for the Cleveland Indians
December 1	Paul Benedict	70	Character actor, writer and director (*The Jeffersons*, *Sesame Street*)
December 5	Beverly Garland	82	Actress, singer and businesswoman (*My Three Sons*, *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*)
December 8	Robert Prosky	77	Actor (*Hill Street Blues*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 12	Van Johnson	92	Actor and singer (*Batman*, *Here's Lucy*, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin (1957 television film)*)
December 13	Maddie Blaustein	48	Voice actress (*Pokémon*, *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, *Dinosaur King*)
December 18	Majel Barrett	76	Actress (*Star Trek: The Original Series*)
December 25	Eartha Kitt	81	Actress, dancer and singer (*Batman*, *The Emperor's New School*)

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The following is a list of events affecting American television in 2009. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, cancellations, and new channel launches.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	After 51 years as an NBC affiliate, KBTV/Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas joined the Fox network. The NBC affiliation moves over to the DT sub-channel of ABC affiliate KBMT and Orbit airs a series premiere titled *Homecoming.*
	Major League Baseball launches MLB Network, becoming the last of the four major American sports leagues to launch its own channel.[1]
3	Fox replaces the 4Kids TV block, with two hours from 8–10 am going to the affiliates, and 10 am–noon EST becoming Weekend Marketplace (infomercials).[2]
5	NBC affiliate WGBC in Meridian, Mississippi switches its primary affiliation to Fox, taking the affiliation from WTOK-DT2. NBC programming then moves to WGBC-DT2. The move is made to allow Fox programs to be offered in HD.
9	Nickelodeon kicks off a year-long celebration of *SpongeBob SquarePants* tenth anniversary.[3]
15	Hawaii became the first state in the United States to have all of its television stations switch to

	digital television.[4]
	William Petersen appears for the last time as a regular cast member on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* as Supervisor Gil Grissom.[5]
19	The Powerpuff Girls return to Cartoon Network for their tenth anniversary special.
26	Disgraced Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich goes on a media blitz appearing on *The Today Show*, *The View*, and *Larry King Live* while his impeachment trial continues in his homestate.[6] Blagojevich is later ousted from office on January 29.

February[edit]

Date	Event
1	Super Bowl XLIII, which saw the Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Arizona Cardinals 27–23 and give the Steelers their history-making sixth Super Bowl win ever for the franchise, was televised live on NBC in the U.S. International coverage of the Super Bowl was also served by Sky Sports and BBC One (UK), CTV Television Network (Canada), TV Azteca (Mexico), ESPN Australia, Foxtel, and Austar (Australia), Das Erste (Germany), TV6 (Sweden), TV3 (Denmark), Sport TV (Portugal), CCTV-5 (China), and SBS (South Korea).
2	Programming blocks Nick Jr. and TEENick discontinued on Nickelodeon.
10	My Network TV announced that they will switch from a network to a syndication programming service.[7]
11	President Obama signed the DTV Delay Act into law, officially moving the DTV transition in the United States cutoff date to June 12, 2009.[8]
12	Charter Communications files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection[9]
	Toon Disney's Big Movie Show & Jetix ends.

13	After over 10 years. Toon Disney is shut down and rebrands itself as Disney XD.
15	*The Simpsons* was broadcast in HD for the first time, with the episode "Take My Life, Please" (season 20). To celebrate this event, in the new opening, Bart writes "HDTV is worth every cent" on the chalkboard for this episode.
17	368 U.S. TV stations permanently shut off their analog signals on the original February 17 date of the DTV transition in the United States and began broadcasting exclusively in digital.[10] 53 stations qualify for nightlight service status, meaning they must use their analog signals only for DTV transition public service announcements and severe weather alerts.[11] All others must wait until June 12 to go all digital (see DTV Delay Act for further details).
20	After 16 years on the air, the last episode of *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* aired on NBC.[12] Conan's favorite band The White Stripes was the final guest. Will Ferrell (impersonating former U.S. President George W. Bush) and former sidekick/O'Brien's *Tonight Show* announcer Andy Richter made surprise appearances, and pre-recorded clips of John Mayer and Abe Vigoda were shown.[12] *Late Night* leaves Studio 6A at NBC's Rockefeller Center studios in New York after 27 years.
22	The 81st Academy Awards presentation was televised live on ABC.

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	The traditional Nielsen ratings February sweeps are moved to March.[13]
2	*Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* premiered on NBC.[12] The Roots is the house band. Oscar winner Robert De Niro, Grammy winner Van Morrison, and singer / actor Justin Timberlake were Jimmy's first guests. Former host Conan O'Brien also made a cameo appearance. *Late Night* moves to Studio 6B (the former WNBC-TV news studio) at NBC Studios in Rockefeller Center.

9	NBC owned-and-operated station WNBC launches New York Nonstop, an entertainment/lifestyle channel.
16	Ion Television affiliates launch their HD channel.[14]
17	*The Simpsons* episode "In the Name of the Grandfather" broadcast on Sky1 in the United Kingdom. (It premiered in the U.S. on March 22.)
19	President Barack Obama appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, marking the first time a sitting President has appeared on a late night talk show.
23	American satellite television provider DirecTV paid $4 billion to extend its exclusive contract for the NFL Sunday Ticket package until 2014.[15] After the 2014 season, DirecTV will have had exclusive U.S. rights for the package for 20 straight seasons, since the package's (and DirecTV's) inception in 1994.
31	*Osbournes Reloaded* premieres on the Fox network, but due to several affiliates refusing to air the show, it gets the axe in the summer.

April[edit]

Date	Event
2	The TV Guide Network announces that they will no longer carry local television listing grids on their channel.[16] However, as of 2010, they are still displayed only on local cable providers.
	Emmy Award-winning medical drama *ER* airs its series finale on NBC after a one-hour retrospective.
7	The television special *Charlie Brown's All-Stars* returns to American television for the first time since 1982.[17]
16	Sportscaster John Madden announces his retirement at age 73.

	Bob Barker returns to the set of his former game show of 35 years, *The Price Is Right*, to promote his new book, *Priceless Memories*.[18]
20	The CW arrives in Guam with the on-air debut of KTKB-LP.
	The CW affiliate WLGA/Columbus, Georgia becomes an independent station. The CW affiliation moves to a subchannel for NBC affiliate WLTZ, known as CW Ga-Bama.
23	Nickelodeon Games and Sports for Kids is retired on Dish Network and replaced by a west coast feed of Cartoon Network.
27	ABC launches an HD subchannel network called Live Well HD Network. The channel initially airs on its O&Os before expanding it to other affiliates a year later.[19]
28	CBS series *NCIS* features the characters of a spin-off called *NCIS: Los Angeles*. A second-part episode is continued next Tuesday.

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	Nickelodeon's *The Fairly OddParents* returned with part one ("The Big Beginning") of a three-day movie called *Wishology*.
5	The CW announces that it will turn over its Sunday night schedule back to its affiliates.[20] Since then, The CW only broadcasts on the weekdays.
6	Noggin and The N split up on Dish Network.
16	*MADtv*'s series finale aired with host Fred Willard, and included guest appearances by former cast members Alex Borstein, Mo Collins, Artie Lange, Will Sasso and Debra Wilson (it premiered in 1995).

20	The CW aired the series finale of *The Game*, which resulted in there being no scripted series (comedy or drama) on American network television with a predominantly African-American cast.[citation needed]
	Kris Allen was declared the winner of *American Idol* – season eight.
25	Cartoon Network, for the first time, broadcasts the three movies of the popular anime series *Sailor Moon*; *Sailor Moon R: The Movie*, *Sailor Moon S: The Movie*, and *Sailor Moon Super S: The Movie*, after seven years of not airing in the United States.

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	*The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien* premieres at 11:35 p.m. EDT on NBC, with Will Ferrell and Pearl Jam as the show's first guests. *Tonight* moves to Stage 1 at Universal Studios Hollywood in Universal City, California.
12	All remaining NTSC full-service television stations in the United States stop broadcasting analog television and start broadcasting digital television signals only[21] (see DTV transition in the United States for further details).
29	American cable news channel MSNBC launches its high definition version, becoming the last of the Big 3 cable news channels to do so.[22]
	The Michael Jackson-themed episode for *American Idol* (season 8) was re-aired due to his death on June 25.

July[edit]

Date	Event
7	A memorial service for Michael Jackson, who died on June 25, is broadcast live around the

	world, with an estimated audience of one billion.[23]
	Sci Fi Channel renames itself "Syfy".[24] Warehouse 13 is the first show on the network (with the new name), which premiered on this day.
12	Television stations shut off all of their analog nightlight stations. The NBC O&Os stations were turned off the analog nightlight stations after June 26 and fewer of the other nightlight stations were turned off by the rest of June to July.[25]
13	New Vision Television files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
	WLIO-DT2 in Lima, Ohio, previously a CW affiliate before simulcasting parent station WLIO, joins Fox (with MyNetworkTV as its secondary affiliation). Fox's former affiliate WOHL-CA, who had been sold to WLIO on February 5, will sign-off on July 31 in preparation for a flash-cut to digital channel 35 (as WOHL-CD), and return to the air as an ABC affiliate (with CBS on DT2) on September 28. ABC and CBS's former affiliates (WLQP-LP and WLMO-LP) sign-off their analog signals on that same date in preparation for a possible flash-cut to digital.
14	The 2009 MLB All-Star Game broadcasts. The ceremonial first pitch is thrown by President Barack Obama.
27	Ben Silverman, co-chairman of NBC Entertainment and Universal Media Studios, announced that he is leaving the company.[26]

August[edit]

Date	Event
4	After eight seasons, Paula Abdul confirmed to her fans on her Twitter page that she will no longer be a judge for *American Idol*.
5	Laura Ling and Euna Lee, both Asian-American journalists for Current TV, are released from prison in North Korea through negotiations between the government and Bill Clinton. Both women were sentenced to 12 years hard labor for accidentely crossing the border from China

	while doing a story in 2008.
8	Sonia Sotomayor's swearing in as United States Supreme Court Justice marks the first time that a televised event was shown live at the Supreme Court instead of the White House.
9	ABC airs *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* for 11 episodes in primetime as an event to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the show.
13	ABC announced that *All My Children* will move its production from New York City to Los Angeles in 2010. This will mark the first time in its 40-year run (Its 40th anniversary will be in 2010) that the serial will switch studio production locations, and the first soap opera to do so since CBS' The Brighter Day in 1961.[27]
18	Rainbow Media launches a new theme channel named Wedding Central on its parent system Cablevision.[28]
	Honolulu, Hawaii television outlets KGMB (CBS), KHNL (NBC) and KFVE (My Network TV) combine their operations under a SSA deal made between Raycom Media and MCG. As part of the deal, Raycom takes over KGMB's programming and newscast and swap channels with MCG, who oversee KFVE and move the station to KGMB's channel[29]
22	VH1 cancels the reality shows *Megan Wants a Millionaire* and *I Love Money* after Ryan Jenkins, a contestant on both shows, is charged with the murder of his ex-wife, swimsuit model Jasmine Fiore,[30] and is later found dead himself in Hope, British Columbia.[31]
27	Lifetime Entertainment Services, the parent company of Lifetime Television, is acquired by A&E Television Networks.[32]
30	After 26 years, PBS pulls *Reading Rainbow* off the PBS Kids schedule. The PBS series had been in reruns since 2006.
31	The Walt Disney Company acquires Marvel Entertainment[33][34]
	The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson on CBS begins broadcasting in high-definition,

	along with a brand new opening, and a change to the theme song.

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	DirecTV removed sports channel Versus due to an ongoing carriage dispute about subscriber fees.[35][36]
	Freedom Communications, the parent company of WPEC/West Palm Beach, Florida and WTVC/Chattanooga, Tennessee, among others, files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy[37]
7	ESPN celebrates its 30th anniversary with a special 90 minute edition of *SportsCenter*.[38]
9	Ellen DeGeneres is named successor to Paula Abdul as judge of *American Idol*.[39]
10	John Stossel leaves ABC and his co-hosting duties at *20/20* to join Fox Business Network and Fox News Channel[40]
12	KEWLopolis ends.
13	The NFL introduces Red Zone Channel, a special channel with extended highlights available during the regular season. AT&T U-Verse, Comcast, Dish Network, and Verizon FiOS are the first carriers to provide the new channel.[41][42][43]
	The final two episodes of *King of the Hill* air on Fox. Four unaired episodes would later be shown in syndication and on Adult Swim.
	A tribute to Michael Jackson and Kanye West's interrupting Taylor Swift's speech were among the notable moments at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards[44]
14	Liberman Broadcasting launches a new Spanish-language TV network called Estrella TV.[45][46]

	For the first time ever, NBC launches a prime-time weeknight talk/variety show with Jay Leno as host, titled *The Jay Leno Show*, which airs during the 10:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 p.m. Central time slots but got canceled after one season.
16	For the first time ever on television, *The Newlywed Game* features a gay couple on their show. George Takei and his partner Brad Altman are the celebrity newlyweds that make history on the long-running game show.[47]
18	*Guiding Light*, a CBS soap opera that began on radio in 1937 before moving to television in 1952, airs its final episode on the network.[48]
19	KEWLopolis is renamed Cookie Jar TV by the Cookie Jar Group.
20	Barack Obama makes history by appearing on five Sunday news/talk shows on the same day: CBS's Face the Nation, ABC's This Week, CNN's State of the Union with John King, NBC/MSNBC's Meet The Press and on Univision.
20	Jimmy Mulville, head of the British production company Hat Trick Productions, announced plans to make a pilot for an American version of the long-running British satirical panel game *Have I Got News for You*.[49]
	Mad Men wins Outstanding Drama Series and *30 Rock* wins Outstanding Comedy Series at the 61st Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris and televised by CBS.[50]
21	President Barack Obama appears on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, marking the first time a sitting U.S. president has been host David Letterman's guest.[51]
22	*ABC World News Now* on the ABC television network becomes the first overnight newscast to broadcast in high definition.
25	*The Tonight Show* host Conan O'Brien suffers a concussion after hitting his head on the studio floor while taping a stunt with guest Teri Hatcher. Production on that day's episode is halted, and a rerun airs in its place. O'Brien returned to work the following Monday.[52]
27	Season 21 of *The Simpsons* began broadcasting with the season premiere titled "Homer the

	Whopper." The season established it as the longest-running primetime entertainment program in history (replacing *Gunsmoke*).
	The Cleveland Show, a spin-off of *Family Guy*, premiered on Fox. The show was mentioned at the end of the season seven episode "Baby Not on Board". The pilot episode was Cleveland Brown's official departure from *Family Guy*.
28	Viacom rebrands Noggin as Nick Jr., and The N as TeenNick, using former Nickelodeon block names to rebrand those channels.[53] All four networks (including the Nick@Nite block and Nicktoons) are rebranded with a new universal logo, replacing the iconic "orange splat" logo that had been in use since 1984. In addition, BET J is quietly rebranded as Centric.[54]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	David Letterman admits on his *Late Show* to having sexual relationships with female members of his staff. He also tells the audience that he wrote a fraudulent check for $2 million to a *48 Hours* producer who planned to blackmail him on the matter.[55]
5	ESPN's broadcast of *Monday Night Football* between the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings becomes the most-watched cable television program in history, with 15 million homes tuning in to see Vikings quarterback Brett Favre face his former team for the first time. The Vikings won the game 30–23 and Favre became the first quarterback in NFL history to beat all 32 teams.[56]
14	News Corporation announces that Fox Reality Channel will be replaced by Nat Geo Wild in March 2010.[57]
21	Nickelodeon (Viacom) acquires global rights to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles from Mirage Studios for $60 million.[58]
25	Steve Phillips is fired by ESPN after the baseball analyst admits to having an affair with Brooke Hundley, a 22-year-old production assistant at the sports network. Hundley, who was later given a court restraining order after trying to stalk Phillips, his soon-to-be-ex-wife

	and son, was also fired.[59]
26	The newscasts of Honolulu television outlets KGMB and KHNL/KFVE are combined into one, becoming "Hawaii News Now." KGMB and KHNL will simulcast their early morning show "Sunrise", 5 pm and 10 pm newscast, with the exception of KGMB's 7 am portion of "Sunrise" and 6 pm newscast, KHNL's relocated 5:30 pm newscast and during the 7 am hour when they start airing NBC's Today Show, and during separate programming. KFVE's 6:30 pm and 9 pm newscasts remains intact. Also effective with this move is KGMB moving from DT channel 8 (PSIP RF channel 9) to DT 23 (PSIP 5) and vice versa for KFVE[60]
29	Washington, D.C. station WJLA-TV, an affiliate of ABC, airs a local special "Touch of Life: The Guide to Breast Self Examination" featuring uncensored self breast exams. The special is also continued the next day.[61]
30	For the first time in its 27-year history, The Weather Channel begins showing weekly weather related movies, including *The Perfect Storm* and *Misery*.[62]
	Epix, a new premium channel, launches, with Verizon FiOS being its first carrier.

November[edit]

Date	Event
2	Nickelodeon launches in Canada as a replacement to Discovery Kids Canada. The channel focuses on children's programing from the U.S.[63]
5	Scripps Networks Interactive pays $1.1 billion for a 65% share of Travel Channel.[64]
8	After ten years on the air. The Cartoon Cartoon *Ed, Edd n Eddy* airs a TV movie to wrap up its run.
10	First Lady Michelle Obama appears on the season premiere of *Sesame Street*, commemorating the PBS show's 40th anniversary.[65]

11	CNN anchor Lou Dobbs, a mainstay at the channel since its start in 1980, announces he is leaving the network effective immediately.[66]
19	Oprah Winfrey announces that she will end her long-running talk show in 2011, after its 25th season.[67][68]
26	The NFL Network airs an expletive uttered by Denver Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels during the team's Thanksgiving night football game with the New York Giants. Play-by-play announcer Bob Papa apologized for the network's gaffe later in the broadcast.[69]

December[edit]

Date	Event
3	It is announced that NBC Universal will become a joint venture between General Electric and Comcast, with GE retaining a 49 percent stake in the company and buying current NBC partner Vivendi's share. Comcast, meanwhile, will take a 51 percent controlling interest. The deal is subject to government approval.[70]
7	Comstar Media acquires semi-religious television and radio network FamilyNet.[71]
8	CBS announced that they are canceling *As the World Turns* (the last of the Procter & Gamble soaps) after more than 50 years on the air. The series ended its run on September 17, 2010.[72][73][74][75]
	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer is rebranded as *PBS NewsHour*.[76]
11	After 20 years, Diane Sawyer leaves ABC's *Good Morning America* to succeed Charles Gibson as anchor of *ABC World News* beginning December 21. Chief political correspondent George Stephanopoulos replaces Sawyer as "GMA" co-anchor.[77]
15	The FCC considers an order that would close the "terrestrial loophole" which keeps fiber delivered channels such as Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia and 4SD off of satellite TV systems.[78]

18	Charles Gibson retires as anchor of *ABC World News* and Diane Sawyer has taken over as anchor on the following Monday.[77]
23	E! rehires Joan Rivers to host their specials in 2010.
28	DirecTV launched a new satellite which, when fully installed, will give the provider the capacity of up to 80 more HD channels. It will become fully operational early in the 2nd quarter of 2010.[79]
31	DirecTV and Rainbow Media reach a last minute carriage renewal agreement, keeping Rainbow's channels AMC, WE tv, IFC, Fuse TV, SundanceTV, MSG Network and MSG Plus on the satellite system.[80]

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

Date	Debut	Network	Source
January 3	*Huntik: Secrets & Seekers*	The CW4Kids	[81]
	Kamen Rider: Dragon Knight		[82]
	Orbit		
January 8	*Greg Behrendt's Wake Up Call*	Soapnet	
January 9	*Howie Do It*	NBC	[83]
January 12	*Hannity*	Fox News Channel	[84]
January 18	*State of the Union with John King*	CNN	

	United States of Tara	Showtime	
January 19	*The Electric Company*	PBS Kids Go!	
January 21	*Lie to Me*	Fox	
January 23	*Wolverine and the X-Men*	Nicktoons	
January 26	*Olivia*	Nickelodeon	
	Trust Me	TNT	
January 27	*Toddlers & Tiaras*	TLC	
February 4	*The Exterminators*	A&E	[85]
February 8	*The CollegeHumor Show*	MTV	
	Sonny with a Chance	Disney Channel	[86]
February 11	*Important Things with Demetri Martin*	Comedy Central	[87]
February 13	*Dollhouse*	Fox	[88]
	Aaron Stone	Disney XD	
	Jimmy Two-Shoes		
	Kid vs. Kat		

March 2	*Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*	NBC	
March 7	*Power Rangers RPM*	ABC Kids	[89]
March 9	*Castle*	ABC	
March 11	*The Chopping Block*	NBC	
March 15	*Kings*		
March 23	*Table for 12*	TLC	
March 26	*In the Motherhood*	ABC	[90][91]
March 29	*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (US debut)	HBO	
April 4	*Special Agent Oso*	Playhouse Disney	
April 6	*The Ed Show*	MSNBC	
	Surviving Suburbia	ABC	
April 9	*The Unusuals*		
	Parks and Recreation	NBC	
	Southland		
	Thursday Night Baseball	MLB Network	

April 10	*Harper's Island*	CBS	
April 15	*The Cougar*	TV Land	
	PitchMen	Discovery Channel	
April 16	*WWE Superstars*	WGN America	
April 17	*Stranger Among Bears*	Animal Planet	
April 18	*The World's Strictest Parents*		
April 19	*Cake Boss*	TLC	
	Sit Down, Shut Up	Fox	[92]
May 2	*Jonas*	Disney Channel	
May 19	*Glee*	Fox	
May 26	*Mental*		
May 31	*DJ & the Fro*	MTV	
June 1	*The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien*	NBC	
June 4	*The Listener*		[93]
	Hollywood's Best Film Directors	ReelzChannel	

	Royal Pains	USA Network	
	Tosh.0	Comedy Central	
June 9	*The Wrong Door*	IFC	
June 10	*Top Chef Masters*	Bravo	
June 11	*Raising Sextuplets*	WE tv	
June 14	*Hammertime*	A&E	
June 15	*It's On with Alexa Chung*	MTV	
	Joe Buck Live	HBO	
	Zeke and Luther	Disney XD	
June 16	*Hawthorne*	TNT	
	The Lazy Environmentalist	Sundance Channel	
June 17	*The Othersiders*	Cartoon Network	
	Survive This		
June 19	*Jeffery & Cole Casserole*	Logo	
June 20	*BrainRush*	Cartoon Network	

	Destroy Build Destroy		
June 21	*Merlin*	NBC	[94]
June 22	*Make It or Break It*	ABC Family	
June 23	*NYC Prep*	Bravo	
June 24	*The Philanthropist*	NBC	
June 29	*Dance Your Ass Off*	Oxygen	
July 1	*Monsters Inside Me*	Animal Planet	
July 7	*10 Things I Hate About You*	ABC Family	
	The Great American Road Trip	NBC	
	Warehouse 13	Syfy	
July 8	*Time Team America*	PBS	
July 10	*The Assistants*	TeenNick	
July 12	*Drop Dead Diva*	Lifetime	[95][96]
July 14	*Miami Social*	Bravo	
July 15	*Dark Blue*	TNT	

	Michael & Michael Have Issues	Comedy Central	
July 16	*Stoked*	Cartoon Network	
	Watch What Happens: Live	Bravo	
July 17	*Catch It Keep It*	Science Channel	
July 20	*Dating in the Dark*	ABC	
	Three Sheets	Fine Living	
	Wake Up with Al	The Weather Channel	
July 21	*The Colony*	Discovery Channel	
	Ruby & The Rockits	ABC Family	
July 25	*Being Human*	BBC America	
July 28	*More to Love*	Fox	
July 31	*Lock n' Load with R. Lee Ermey*	History Channel	
August 1	*Face the Ace*	NBC	
August 2	*Defying Gravity*	ABC	
	Megan Wants a Millionaire	VH1	

August 4	*Addicted to Beauty*	Oxygen	
August 5	*Giuliana and Bill*	Style Network	
	How'd You Get So Rich?	TV Land	
	Make My Day		
August 9	*Kourtney and Kim Take Miami*	E!	[97][98]
	Shark Tank	ABC	
August 15	*Househusbands of Hollywood*	Fox Reality Channel	
August 17	*Glenn Martin, DDS*	Nick at Nite	
August 18	*Shaq Vs.*	ABC	
August 24	*The Fresh Beat Band*	Nickelodeon	
August 25	*Frankie & Neffe*	BET	
September 7	*Dinosaur Train*	PBS Kids	
September 8	*Melrose Place*	CW	
	Coolfuel	Planet Green	[99]
September 9	*Planet Mechanics*		[99]

September 10	*The Vampire Diaries*	CW	
September 12	*Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps*	PBS Kids	
	The Troop	Nickelodeon	
September 14	*The Dr. Oz Show*	Syndication	
	The Jay Leno Show	NBC	
September 16	*The Beautiful Life: TBL*	CW	
September 17	*Archer*	FX	
	Community	NBC	
September 18	*Brothers*	Fox	
September 19	*Busytown Mysteries*	Cookie Jar TV	[100]
	Noonbory and the Super Seven		[100]
	Sabrina: The Animated Series		[100]
	RollBots	The CW4Kids	
	Being Ian	Qubo	

	Class of the Titans		
	Spliced		
September 20	*Bored to Death*	HBO	
September 21	*Amanpour*	CNN	
	Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? (syndicated version)	CMT	
	Accidentally on Purpose	CBS	
September 22	*The Good Wife*		
	NCIS: Los Angeles		
	The Forgotten	ABC	
September 23	*Cougar Town*		
	Eastwick		
	Modern Family		
September 24	*FlashForward*		
	Mercy	NBC	

September 27	*The Cleveland Show*	Fox	
	Titan Maximum	Adult Swim	
September 28	*Trauma*	NBC	
September 29	*The Joy Behar Show*	HLN	
September 30	*Hank*	ABC	
	The Middle		
October 2	*Stargate Universe*	Syfy	[101]
October 3	*SuperFetch*	Animal Planet	
	Top 20 Countdown: Most Shocking	TruTV	
October 4	*Dallas Divas & Daughters*	Bravo	
	Three Rivers	CBS	
October 5	*Let's Make a Deal*		[102]
	Jungle Junction	Playhouse Disney	
	The Mo'Nique Show	BET	

	Sherri	Lifetime	
October 6	*Ghost Lab*	Discovery Channel	
October 7	*Secret Girlfriend*	Comedy Central	
October 9	*I'm Alive*	Animal Planet	
October 10	*Fight Camp 360: Inside The Super Six World Boxing Classic*	Showtime	[103]
October 12	*Fanboy & Chum Chum*	Nickelodeon	
October 18	*On the Case with Paula Zahn*	Investigation Discovery	
October 19	*All Worked Up*	truTV	
October 21	*The 100 Mile Challenge*	Planet Green	[99]
	Living with Ed		[99]
	Nature, Inc.		[99]
	Lock N' Load	Showtime	
October 22	*The Jeff Dunham Show*	Comedy Central	
October 23	*White Collar*	USA Network	

October 27	*Monica: Still Standing*	BET	
October 28	*Naruto: Shippuden*	Disney XD	
October 29	*The League*	FX	
October 30	*Pit Bulls & Parolees*	Animal Planet	
November 2	*The Garfield Show*	Cartoon Network	
November 3	*V*	ABC	
November 7	*The Wanda Sykes Show*	Fox	
November 9	*Lopez Tonight*	TBS	
November 15	*The Prisoner*	AMC	[104]
November 27	*I'm in the Band*	Disney XD	
November 28	*Big Time Rush*	Nickelodeon	
December 3	*BBQ Pitmasters*	TLC	[105]
	Jersey Shore	MTV	
December 6	*Alice*	SyFy	[106]

December 7	*Men of a Certain Age*	TNT	
December 9	*Campus PD*	G4	
December 12	*American Ninja Warrior*		[107]
December 13	*The Jacksons: A Family Dynasty*	A&E	
December 14	*The Sing-Off*	NBC	
December 19	*CHRISJayify*	Lifetime	
December 29	*One Big Happy Family*	TLC	

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Glenn Beck	Headline News	Fox News Channel	
Judge Jeanine Pirro	The CW Daytime	Syndication	
Medium	NBC	CBS	
Scrubs		ABC	
The Singing Bee		CMT	

Nanny 911	Fox		
Power Rangers	Jetix	ABC Kids	
Yin Yang Yo!		Disney XD	
Cory in the House	Disney Channel		
Even Stevens			
Phil of the Future			
The Spectacular Spider-Man	The CW4Kids		
Naruto	Cartoon Network		
Chaotic	4Kids TV and Jetix	Cartoon Network and The CW4Kids	
I'm a Celebrity... Get Me out of Here!	ABC	NBC	
Project Runway	Bravo	Lifetime	
The Wiggles	Playhouse Disney	PBS Kids Sprout	
Three Sheets	MOJO HD	FLN	
Imus in the Morning	RFD TV	Fox Business Network	[108]

The Tyra Banks Show	Syndication	The CW Daytime	
Soul Train Music Awards	WGN America and Syndication	Centric	
Living With Ed	HGTV	Planet Green	[99]
King of the Hill	FX Network	Adult Swim	
Masters of Illusion	PAX Network	MyNetworkTV	
Sabrina: The Animated Series	Disney's One Too	Cookie Jar TV	

Returning this year[edit]

Show	Original network	Last aired	New network	Returned	Source
Nanny 911	Fox	2007	Country Music Television	January	
I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!	ABC	2003	NBC	June	
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		2002	Same	August	[109]
Let's Make a Deal	NBC	2003	CBS	October	
Soul Train Music Awards	WGN America and Syndication	2008	Centric	November	[110]

Milestone episodes[edit]

Show	Network	Episode#	Episode title	Episode air date	Source
Power Rangers	ABC Kids	700th	"Danger and Destiny, Part 2"	December 26	

Ending this year[edit]

Date	Show	Debut	Source
January 9	*The Big Spin*	1985	[111]
	Hannity & Colmes	1996	
	Lipstick Jungle	2008	
	Stargate Atlantis	2004	
January 11	*CNN Late Edition*	1993	
January 18	*Viva Piñata*	2006	
January 19	*Momma's Boys*	2008	
January 24	*Game Show in My Head*	2009	
	Tak and the Power of Juju	2007	
January 25	*The Drinky Crow Show*		

January 26	*Superstars of Dance*	2009	
January 31	*Crusoe*	2008	
February 2	*Bromance*		
	Nick Jr.	1988	
	TeenNick	2001	
February 12	*Jetix*	2004	
	Toon Disney	1998	
	Greg Behrendt's Wake Up Call	2009	
February 20	*13: Fear Is Real*		
	Late Night with Conan O'Brien	1993	
February 24	*10 Items or Less*	2006	
	Privileged	2008	
February 28	*Sushi Pack*	2007	
March 4	*Knight Rider*	2008	
March 7	*Gone Country*		

March 8	*The L Word*	2004	
March 10	*Homeland Security USA*	2009	
March 12	*Kath & Kim*	2008	
March 15	*Hole in the Wall* (returned the next year)		
	The CollegeHumor Show	2009	
March 16	*Kyle XY*	2006	
March 20	*Battlestar Galactica*	2004	
March 22	*Flight of the Conchords*	2007	[112]
March 25	*The Chopping Block*	2009	
	Life with Derek	2005	
March 28	*D. L. Hughley Breaks the News*	2008	
March 30	*The Replacements*	2006	
March 31	*Schoolhouse Rock!*	1973	
April 1	*Life on Mars*	2008	
April 2	*Eleventh Hour*		

	ER	1994	
April 6	*Storm Hawks*	2007	
April 7	*Trust Me*	2009	
April 8	*Life*	2007	
April 10	*Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*	2008	
April 17	*Xavier: Renegade Angel*	2007	
April 18	*Yin Yang Yo!*	2006	
April 23	*The Beast*	2009	
May 1	*Howie Do It*		
May 2	*My Life as a Teenage Robot*	2003	
May 3	*Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends*	2004	
May 8	*Everybody Hates Chris*	2005	
May 10	*The Unit*	2006	
May 14	*My Name Is Earl*	2005	
May 15	*Prison Break*		

	The Game (moving to BET in early 2011)	2006	
May 16	*Talkshow with Spike Feresten*		
	MADtv	1995	[113]
May 18	*Deal or No Deal*	2005	
	Wonder Pets!	2006	
May 19	*Without a Trace*	2002	
May 23	*Mr. Meaty*	2005	
	Transformers Animated	2007	
May 26	*Reaper*		
May 29	*The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* (returned in 2010)	1992	
June 2	*According to Jim*	2001	
June 6	*Worst Week*	2008	
June 12	*Best Week Ever*	2004	
	The Morning Show with Mike and Juliet	2007	
June 13	*The Naked Brothers Band*		

	Pushing Daisies		
June 14	*Million Dollar Password*	2008	
June 16	*Cupid*	2009	
June 17	*The Unusuals*		
June 19	*Don't Forget the Lyrics!*	2007	
June 25	*DJ & the Fro*	2009	
	In the Motherhood		
June 28	*Three Delivery*	2008	
June 30	*Jail*	2007	[114]
July 8	*Reno 911!*	2003	
July 11	*Harper's Island*	2009	
	Eli Stone	2008	
July 19	*Valentine*		
July 23	*Samantha Who?*	2007	
July 25	*Kings*	2009	

July 26	*Denise Richards: It's Complicated*	2008	
August 5	*I Survived a Japanese Game Show*		
August 7	*The Goode Family*	2009	[115]
	Surviving Suburbia		[115]
August 8	*Dirty Sexy Money*	2007	
August 12	*The Philanthropist*	2009	
August 14	*Random! Cartoons*	2008	
August 16	*Easy Money*		
August 19	*Megan Wants a Millionaire*	2009	
August 24	*Raising the Bar*	2008	[116]
August 26	*Michael & Michael Have Issues*	2009	
September 4	*Judge David Young*	2007	[117]
September 5	*VeggieTales*	2006	
September 12	*KEWLopolis*	2007	

September 15	*The Cleaner*	2008	
September 18	*Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* (primetime version) (returned in 2015)	2007	
	Guiding Light (CBS Daytime)	1952	
September 22	*Ruby & The Rockits*	2009	[118]
September 23	*The Beautiful Life*		[119]
September 27	*The N*	2002	
	Noggin	1999	
October 19	*The Mr. Men Show*	2008	
October 23	*Defying Gravity*	2009	
November 4	*Hank*		
November 8	*Ed, Edd n Eddy*	1999	
November 11	*Lou Dobbs Tonight* (returned in 2011)	1980	
November 18	*The Spectacular Spider-Man*	2008	
November 21	*Sit Down, Shut Up*	2009	

November 23	*Jon & Kate Plus 8*	2007	
November 29	*Wolverine and the X-Men*	2009	
December 4	*Monk*	2002	
December 6	*Naruto* (returned in 2012)	2005	
December 7	*Rita Rocks*	2008	
	Alice	2009	
December 8	*Joe Buck Live*		[120]
December 10	*The Jeff Dunham Show*		
December 17	*It's On with Alexa Chung*		[121]
December 22	*Little Einsteins*	2005	
December 24	*Kamen Rider: Dragon Knight*	2009	[122]
December 26	*Power Rangers RPM*		

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
January 3	Pat Hingle	84	Actor
January 6	Cheryl	64	Actress (*The Mickey Mouse Club*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Holdridge		
January 8	Don Galloway	71	Actor (Sgt. Ed Brown on *Ironside*)
January 9	Hager Twins	67	Actor/singer (*Hee Haw*)
January 13	Patrick McGoohan	80	Actor (John Drake on *Danger Man* and Number 6 on *The Prisoner*)
January 14	Ricardo Montalbán	88	Actor (Mr. Rourke on *Fantasy Island*)
January 18	Bob May	69	Actor and stuntman (*Lost in Space*)
January 21	Veatrice Rice	59	television personality (*The Jimmy Kimmel Show*)
January 25	Kim Manners	58	TV producer-director (*The X-Files*, *"Supernatural"*)
January 31	Clint Ritchie	70	Actor (*One Life to Live*)
February 6	James Whitmore	87	Actor and commercial spokesman (*The Practice*)
	Philip Carey	83	Actor and commercial spokesman (*Laredo*, *One Life to Live*)
February 7	Molly Bee	69	Actress and singer (*Hometown Jamboree*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
February 28	Paul Harvey	90	Radio and TV news commentator ("The Rest of the Story", *Good Morning America*)
March 13	Alan W. Livingston	91	Vice-president in charge of programming at NBC; created the character of Bozo the Clown
	Test	33	Professional wrestler known as Test in the WWF/E & The Punisher in TNA
March 15	Ron Silver	62	Actor, director, producer (*The West Wing*)
March 17	Morton Lachman	90	TV writer and producer (*All in the Family*, *Gimme a Break!*, *Kate & Allie*)
March 24	George Kell	86	Sportscaster (Detroit Tigers play-by-play announcer [1959–96])[123]
March 27	Irving R. Levine	86	Journalist-correspondent for NBC News
March 28	Maurice Jarre	84	Composer (*Cimarron Strip*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, *Shōgun*, *The Murder of Mary Phagan*)
March 29	Andy Hallett	33	Actor (*Angel*, *Angel: Live Fast, Die Never*)
April 3	Thomas Braden	92	TV journalist and commentator (*Crossfire*), whose book *Eight Is Enough* was adapted into the series of the same name
April 8	Dan Miller	67	TV journalist (anchorman at WSMV/Nashville, Tennessee and KCBS-TV/Los Angeles, California; *The Pat Sajak Show* sidekick)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
April 13	Harry Kalas	73	Philadelphia Phillies radio-TV play-by-play announcer since 1971, narrator of NFL Films and NFL on Westwood One play-by-play[124]
April 15	Merle Harmon	82	TV-radio sportscaster, commercial spokesman, and businessman (play-by-play announcer for Milwaukee Brewers and Texas Rangers; ABC and NBC Sports programs)
April 25	Bea Arthur	86	Actress (Maude on *All in the Family* and *Maude*, Dorothy on *The Golden Girls*)
May 1	Danny Gans	52	Comedian and musical impressionist (portrayed Dean Martin in 1992 miniseries *Sinatra*)
May 4	Dom DeLuise	75	Actor/comedian
May 13	Frank Aletter	83	Actor (*Bringing Up Buddy*, *The Cara Williams Show*, *Nancy*)
May 18	Wayne Allwine	62	Voice actor (Mickey Mouse)
May 21	Joan Alexander	94	Actress and game show panelist (*The Name's the Same, The New Adventures of Superman*)
May 26	Michael Ross	89	Comedy writer/producer (*All in the Family*, *The Jeffersons*, *Three's Company*)
June 3	David Carradine	72	Actor (*Kung Fu* and *Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*)
June 8	Johnny	27	Actor (*Everybody Hates Chris*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
	Palermo		
June 19	Ken Roberts	99	Voice-over announcer and actor (*The Secret Storm*, *The Electric Company*)
June 23	Ed McMahon	86	*The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* sidekick, *Star Search* host
June 25	Farrah Fawcett	62	Actress (*Charlie's Angels*)
	Michael Jackson	50	Entertainer and recording artist (also The Jackson 5)
June 27	Gale Storm	87	Actress and singer (*My Little Margie*, *The Gale Storm Show*)
June 28	Billy Mays	50	Commercial/infomercial pitchman (OxiClean, Orange Glo, ESPN360.com etc.)
	Fred Travalena	66	Impressionist, comedian, actor and game show host (*Anything For Money*)
July 1	Karl Malden	97	Actor (*The Streets of San Francisco*, *The West Wing*)
July 11	Mark Mandala	72	Television executive (President of ABC from 1986 to 1994)
July 17	Walter Cronkite	92	TV/radio journalist, reporter, author and narrator (*CBS Evening News* anchor [1962–81]) and Liberty's Kids [125]
July 21	Taco Bell	15	Advertiser for Taco Bell

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	chihuahua		
August 6	John Hughes	59	Writer for *At Ease*
August 16	Ed Reimers	96	TV/radio voiceover announcer and actor (voice behind Allstate Insurance's "You're In Good Hands" commercials; *Maverick*, *Star Trek*)
August 18	Robert Novak	78	Journalist, writer and commentator (*Crossfire*)
August 19	Don Hewitt	86	Producer, creator of *60 Minutes* [126]
August 26	Dominick Dunne	83	Screenwriter, producer, news contributor/commentator (*Adventures in Paradise*, *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*), more recently host of *Dominick Dunne's Power, Privilege, and Justice*[127]
August 28	Adam Goldstein	36	Reality TV participant (*Punk'd*, *The Simple Life*)
September 4	Buddy Blattner	89	Sportscaster (most recently for the Atlanta Hawks) [128]
September 8	Army Archerd	87	*Variety* columnist and TV personality (*Entertainment Tonight, The Movie Show*) [129]
September 10	Frank Batten	82	Co-founder of The Weather Channel [130]
September	Larry Gelbart	81	Producer, director and writer (creator of *M*A*S*H* and

Date	Name	Age	Notability
11			others) [131]
September 12	George Eckstein	81	TV writer and producer (*The Fugitive*, *Gunsmoke*) [132]
September 13	Arnold Laven	87	Producer (creator of *The Rifleman*) [133]
September 14	Henry Gibson	73	Actor (*Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*) [134]
	Patrick Swayze	57	Actor (*The Beast*, *North and South*) [135]
September 15	Fred Cusick	90	Sportscaster (Boston Bruins play-by-play announcer for 45 seasons) [136]
September 16	Mary Travers	72	Singer, songwriter; member of Peter, Paul and Mary (*The Jack Benny Program*, *What's My Line* and Peter Paul & Mary TV concert specials) [137]
September 21	Robert Ginty	60	Actor (*The Paper Chase*, *Falcon Crest*, *Hawaiian Heat*) and director[138]
October 14	Lou Albano	76	Wrestler and actor (Mario on *The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!*) [139]
October 17	Jay W. Johnson	66	Congressman (Wisconsin's 8th congressional district) and TV news anchor/reporter (Alumni of WFRV and WLUK/Green Bay, Wisconsin)
	Vic Mizzy	93	Songwriter (*The Addams Family* and *Green Acres* theme

Date	Name	Age	Notability
			songs) [140]
October 22	Soupy Sales	83	Children's TV personality, actor, and comedian (*Lunch with Soupy Sales*, *What's My Line*, *Junior Almost Anything Goes*) [141]
November 3	Carl Ballantine	92	Actor (*McHale's Navy*, *Night Court*, *Garfield and Friends*), comedian, and magician[142]
November 10	David Lloyd	75	Screenwriter (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Bob Newhart Show*, *Cheers*, *Frasier*)
November 15	Dennis Cole	69	Actor (*Felony Squad*; *Bracken's World*; *The Young and the Restless*)[143]
	Ken Ober	52	Actor, host (*Remote Control*), and producer (*The New Adventures of Old Christine*)
November 27	Bill Bresnan	75	Cable TV pioneer (founder of Bresnan Communications) [144]
December 2	Aaron Schroeder	83	Songwriter (*Scooby Doo, Where Are You! theme song*)[145]
December 4	Umaga	36	Samoan-American professional wrestler known as Umaga in the WWE
December 7	Mark Ritts	63	Actor (*Beakman's World*)

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 9	Gene Barry	90	Actor (*Bat Masterson*, *Burke's Law*, *The Name of the Game*, and *L.A. 2017*)[146][147]
December 14	Conard Fowkes	76	Actor (*Dark Shadows*,*As the World Turns*,*The Secret Storm*,*The Edge of Night*)
December 15	Oral Roberts	91	Televangelist and educator[148]
December 16	Roy E. Disney	79	TV station group owner/shareholder (Shamrock Holdings) and senior executive of The Walt Disney Company; nephew of Walt Disney
December 17	Alaina Reed Hall	63	Actress and singer (*Sesame Street*, *227*)[149]
December 18	Connie Hines	78	Actress (*Mister Ed*, *Love, American Style*)[150][151]
December 20	Arnold Stang	91	Actor/voice actor (*Texaco Star Theater*, *Top Cat*)[152]
	Brittany Murphy	32	Actress (*Drexell's Class*, *King of the Hill*)[153]
December 22	Michael Currie	81	Actor (*Dark Shadows*)[154]
December 24	George Michael	70	Sportscaster (*The George Michael Sports Machine*)[155][156]

Date	Name	Age	Notability
December 26	Percy Sutton	89	Owner of The Apollo Theater, the setting for *Showtime at the Apollo*
December 29	Dave Diles	78	Sportscaster, journalist and analyst (*ABC's Wide World of Sports*, *The Prudential College Football Scoreboard Show*)[157]
December 30	Erik Gates	47	TV personality and science contributor (*Mythbusters*)[158]

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2010 in American television

The following is a list of events that affected **American television in 2010**, a year marked by the usual debuts, cancellations, and continuations of shows; the launches, closures, or rebrandings of channels; but also significant cable/satellite carriage disputes, as well as controversies.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	WPGA-TV/Macon, Georgia drops its ABC affiliation to become independent. WGXA, the Fox affiliate in Macon, adds ABC to its digital subchannel, reuniting the station with the network it was previously affiliated with.[1]
	Unable to reach a deal with Scripps Networks Interactive concerning retransmission fees, Cablevision temporarily drops Scripps-owned HGTV and the Food Network from its lineup.[2] The dispute is resolved on January 21.[3]
2	Time Warner Cable and News Corporation sign a new retransmission deal, thus averting what would have been a blackout of the Fox broadcast network and several cable networks on Time Warner Cable systems.[4]
5	The ABC soap *All My Children* celebrates 40 years on the air. Additionally, the program will convert to high definition as it moves production from New York to Los Angeles (the first episodes in the format air in February).[5]
6	David Hasselhoff announces that he will not return as a judge for *America's Got Talent* due to pursuing other projects.[6]

7	Sinclair Broadcast Group reaches a one-year retransmission agreement with Mediacom.[7]
	Reports surface that NBC may move Jay Leno back into the 11:35 p.m. ET/PT slot and move Conan O'Brien's *Tonight Show* back to 12:05 AM (ET/PT);[8]an NBC representative later confirms that Leno's primetime show will end in February.[9] NBC's plan displeases O'Brien, who in a January 12 open letter states his refusal to do *The Tonight Show* at any other time slot other than its traditional 11:35PM time.[10] Thus begins a bitter divorce between O'Brien and NBC that would result in a $45 million exit deal[11] from NBC for O'Brien—but not before the controversy becomes a media cause celebre, with O'Brien gaining sympathy from fellow talk hosts and the general public and NBC receiving a public relations black eye.
	Top-ranked Alabama defeats second-ranked Texas, 37–21, in college football's 2010 BCS National Championship Game. It is the last BCS game to air on broadcast television (on ABC), with cable network ESPN taking over coverage of the entire BCS the following season. (Fox's relationship with the BCS ended on January 4 with its broadcast of the Fiesta Bowl.)
10	Fox's animated sitcom *The Simpsons* celebrates 20 years on the air as a weekly television series with the episode "Once Upon a Time in Springfield" (Anne Hathaway, Jackie Mason and Eartha Kitt are guest voices).[12] A one-hour 20th anniversary special, hosted by Morgan Spurlock, follows the episode.
	Howie Mandel is announced as the new judge for *America's Got Talent*.[13]
11	Fox announces that Simon Cowell will depart from *American Idol* in May in order to launch a US version of *X Factor* in Fall 2011.[14]
20	The FCC votes to close the terrestrial loophole that keeps fiber delivered regional sports networks such as Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia, 4SD, Cox Sports Television, Time Warner Cable SportsNet, and Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast off of satellite systems.[15] Comcast files an appeal the next day.[16]
22	*Hope for Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief*, an international telethon to provide relief for survivors of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, airs live on all major United States broadcast networks, many cable channels, and many other television channels across the world.
	Conan O'Brien's 7½-month, 146-episode run as host of *The Tonight Show* comes to an end

	(and with it his 20+ year relationship with NBC). Tom Hanks and Neil Young are his final guests; Steve Carell makes a surprise appearance, conducting an "exit interview" with O'Brien; and Beck, Ben Harper, Billy Gibbons, and Will Ferrell perform "Free Bird" with O'Brien and The Tonight Show Band in the closing segment.
26	Competitors DirecTV and Dish Network team up to file a lawsuit in Massachusetts alleging discrimination in reaction to the state's new 5% satellite TV tax.[17]
28	Samantha Harris announces that she will not return as the co-host of *Dancing with the Stars* in order to focus on other projects like her correspondent duties at *The Insider* and *Entertainment Tonight*.[18]
31	In what can be described as rarity for having a person who works for one network appearing on a competitor, Fox News Channel president Roger Ailes is among the guest panelists on ABC's *This Week*; in a roundtable discussion, Ailes defends his network's reputation from the other panelists.[19]

February[edit]

Date	Event
3	LeSEA announces the sale of KWHD/Denver to Liberman Broadcasting; the station will switch to Liberman's Estrella TV network after the sale is completed.[20]
4	Comcast & Liberty Media rebrands their large-market triple play offerings under the Xfinity name.[21]
7	106.5 million people watch the New Orleans Saints defeat the Indianapolis Colts, 31–17, to win Super Bowl XLIV. Nielsen Media Research calls CBS' broadcast of the game the most watched telecast in history, beating 1983's *M*A*S*H* series finale.[22]
8	After 28½ years and a shift from music to reality programming, MTV drops the "Music Television" moniker from its logo.[23]
9	DirecTV drops the Sirius XM Radio music channels and replaces them with DMX's Sonic Tap

	channels.[24]
	After 5½ months in primetime, *The Jay Leno Show* has its finale on NBC, with guests Ashton Kutcher, Gabourey Sidibe and Bob Costas, plus appearances by Kurt Warner and Donald Trump.[25]
12	The 2010 Winter Olympics begin airing from Vancouver, British Columbia on NBC and its family of networks. The remake of the 1985 song "We Are the World" for victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake debuts as part of NBC's ceremonies broadcast.[26]
	DirecTV sues competitor Dish Network for false advertising over TV ads which claim Dish Network has the same channels but for a much lower price.[27]Dish Network denies all claims and counter-sues on February 16.[28] DirecTV drops its lawsuit on April 14.[29]
23	WWE replaces its show *ECW* with *WWE NXT* on Syfy.[30]
28	The closing ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics are held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Earlier in the day, Canada's 3–2 overtime win against the United States for the gold medal in men's hockey is seen by over 27 million viewers stateside, the best ratings for a hockey game since the 1980 Winter Olympics.[31]

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	After securing rights formerly held by Setanta Sports USA, Fox Soccer Channel launches premium companion channel Fox Soccer Plus.[32] As a result, Setanta Sports USA is shuttered.[33]
	Nine months after ceding his host chair to Conan O'Brien and heading to prime-time, Jay Leno returns as host of *The Tonight Show*. Leno's first guests back are Jamie Foxx, Lindsey Vonn, and musical guest Brad Paisley. Betty White also makes a cameo appearance.
2	Roger Ebert is interviewed on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, his first televised appearance since

	losing his ability to speak due to complications from a 2006 surgery for thyroid cancer.[34]
8	ABC announces that Brooke Burke will be the new co-host of *Dancing with the Stars* beginning in the Spring 2010 season.[35]
15	After 6½ months of negotiations and attacks, Versus and DirecTV resolve their carriage dispute and the channel is returned to the satellite provider's service—on the same package it was before the dispute began.[36]
20	Dish Network/EchoStar launches its newest satellite, EchoStar XIV.[37]
22	Monty Hall, the original and most well-known host of *Let's Make a Deal*, returns to the game show for a full week.[38]
	Dish Network sues DirecTV for false advertising for a series of ads themed around the classic game show *To Tell the Truth* comparing Dish Network and the cable television industry as 'impostors'.[39]
24	Cablevision partners with former sister network MSG Network to create "MSG 3D," the first dedicated 3D television network, airing a hockey game between the New York Rangers and New York Islanders.[40] Cablevision continues to operate the channel as a special event channel, airing portions of the 2010 Masters Tournament under the name "iO TV 1300"[41] and a New York Yankees game in conjunction with rival YES Network.[42]
29	Fox Reality Channel ceases to exist and is converted into Nat Geo Wild.[43] Some providers such as DirecTV and Mediacom, who failed to reach a carriage deal for Nat Geo Wild, continue to broadcast Fox Reality until Fox shutters the channel completely on June 30.

April[edit]

Date	Event
4	ESPN360, an ESPN Internet site that streams live sporting events, is rebranded as ESPN3.[44]

5	Galaxy 15, a TV communications satellite operated by Intelsat, is reportedly drifting out of control thousands of miles above the Earth. The satellite, which transmits programming feeds from MTV Networks, Lifetime Entertainment Services, Univision, Hallmark, Showtime, C-SPAN and A&E, threatens to wander into another satellite's orbit and interfere with cable programming across the United States.[45]
8	ESPN's first round coverage of the 2010 Masters Tournament becomes the most-watched golf telecast in cable history, as 4.9 million people tune in to see Tiger Woods' first golf outing since his highly publicized scandal.[46]
12	After months of speculation about Conan O'Brien's future in television following his controversial exit from NBC, TBS announces that O'Brien will host a new show to air Monday-thru-Thursdays at 11PM ET beginning in November. *Lopez Tonight*, which had been airing in that time slot, will move to midnight.[47]
	Kevin Eubanks, bandleader for Jay Leno's *Tonight Show* and prime-time series, announces his departure after 18 years with Leno.
13	LIN TV Corporation re-brands itself LIN Media in an effort to emphasize its internet and mobile interests (although the corporate name remains LIN TV Corporation).[48]
14	Comedy Central airs the 200th episode of *South Park*, with many of the celebrities the series has previously mocked banding together to sue the town. After the broadcast, Islamic website Revolution Muslim posts a warning to co-creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, stating they could face serious repercussions for their depictions of the Islamic prophet, Muhammad.[49] The followup to the episode, "201", is heavily censored and airs only once, with the network disallowing streaming of the original, unedited version on the Internet. Authorities later investigate whether there is a connection between *South Park* and the Times Square car bomb attempt, which was discovered near Comedy Central parent Viacom's headquarters at One Astor Plaza in New York City on May 1.[50]
15	Executives at Fox News Channel cancel a taped broadcast of *Hannity* from Cincinnati, Ohio after it was discovered that the event's organizers, the Cincinnati Tea Party, were billing host Sean Hannity as a centerpiece of the event and charging admission to the taping.[51][52]
17	Matt Smith's U.S. debut as the Eleventh Doctor on the long-running British series *Doctor Who* pulls in the highest ratings in BBC America's history (with 1.2 million viewers).[53]

22	Entering into a joint bid with Turner Sports, CBS is granted the rights to continue broadcasting the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament, which it has done since 1982. From 2011 to 2015, CBS and Turner will split coverage of early rounds through the Sweet Sixteen, with CBS carrying the regional finals, Final Four and national championship. Turner will then pick up the later rounds on an alternating basis beginning in 2016. Turner's coverage will air on TBS, TNT, and truTV.[54]
	The NFL Draft, starting in prime time for the first time ever, sets a record for number of viewers (8.3 million total between NFL Network and ESPN, 7.29 million on the latter network alone).[55]
30	PBS Kids stops broadcasting *It's a Big Big World*.

May[edit]

Date	Event
2	Conan O'Brien makes his first TV appearance since his *Tonight Show* finale, sitting down with Steve Kroft for an interview on CBS' *60 Minutes* to discuss the *Tonight Show* controversy and its aftermath.[56]
4	London Broadcasting Company announces a deal to acquire KIII/Corpus Christi from McKinnon Broadcasting Company for $10 million.[57]
8	Thanks to a successful campaign by her fans on Facebook, Betty White hosts *Saturday Night Live*, a show that features a Mother's Day weekend appearance by former *SNL* cast members Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Molly Shannon, Maya Rudolph, Ana Gasteyer and Rachel Dratch.[58] White's performance gains critical acclaim, and she earns an Emmy Award in August for Guest Actress in a Comedy Series, the 7th Emmy of her career.
9	NBC affiliate KTEN in Ada, Oklahoma switches its DT3 subchannel from local weather radar to ABC, giving the Sherman-Ada market its first full-time ABC affiliate.[59]
10	Barbara Walters announces on *The View* that she will take a leave of absence to undergo surgery to repair a faulty heart valve.[60]

12	Haim Saban's Saban Brands purchases the *Power Rangers* franchise back from Disney; the company plans to air a new 19th season of *Power Rangers* on Nickelodeon in Spring 2011, with the previous 700 episodes also being rerun on that network.[61][62]
13	Former Food Network celebrity Juan-Carlos Cruz is arrested in Santa Monica, California for attempting to recruit homeless people to perform a murder-for-hire plot.[63] Cruz pleads "no contest" in November to a charge of soliciting murder, and is sentenced to a 9-year prison term the following month.
14	NBC confirms it has canceled *Law & Order*.[64] Series executive producer Dick Wolf reportedly considers moving the police-and-legal drama to TNT, where it has aired in reruns for several years[65] (AMC considers making an offer as well).[66] No network offers a move, however, and the series leaves the air on May 24 tied with *Gunsmoke* as the longest-running (20 seasons) prime time drama on American television.
	After a single season, Fox cancels *The Wanda Sykes Show*, its most recent attempt at original late-night programming on Saturdays (a time slot that previously aired *MADtv* and *Talkshow with Spike Feresten*).[67] Since November 2010, reruns of current and older Fox shows (e.g. *Terra Nova*, *New Girl*) have occupied the time slot, though Fox later makes plans to launch new animated programming in the slot in 2013.
15	ABC affiliate KTVO in Kirksville, Missouri launches a DT2 subchannel affiliated with CBS, giving the Kirksville-Ottumwa market its first full-time CBS affiliate.
18	CNN prime time host Campbell Brown announces she is leaving the channel, citing difficulty in competing with Fox News' Bill O'Reilly and MSNBC's Keith Olbermann as her main reason as well as a desire to spend more time with her family.[68]
20	The Parents Television Council announces that it plans to target CBS and its affiliates after the network's addition of the sitcom *$#*! My Dad Says* to its 2010–2011 fall TV lineup, with the PTC citing both the show's vulgar title and its Thursday night 8:30PM timeslot as reasons.[69] The show is cancelled after one season.
21	In a dispute over carriage fees and allegations of the network's gravitation from information to entertainment-based programming, Dish Network drops The Weather Channel and replaces it with its own channel, "The Weather Cast."[70] The dispute is resolved 3 days later as Dish restores The Weather Channel and shutters The Weather Cast, making it the shortest-lived

	cable/satellite channel in history.[71]
22	Fuse TV airs *Gulf Aid: Concert For The Coast* a benefit concert in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.[72]
23	Daystar launches the digital signals of the remaining stations it purchased from Equity Media Holdings, which had been caught in limbo due to Equity's bankruptcy and the digital transition. The sign-ons come just three weeks before the stations' licenses would have automatically been forfeited back to the FCC.[73]
26	Disney/ABC announces plans to shut down SoapNet in 2012 and replace it with a channel aimed at pre-schoolers named Disney Junior.[74]
29	Cartoon Network rebrands with a new logo and look also holding a new slogan CHECK it.
31	Fine Living Network is shut down, relaunched and rebranded as Cooking Channel, an instructional counterpart to Food Network.[75]

June[edit]

Date	Event
2	The New York Post reports that General Electric has finalized an exit deal for Jeff Zucker, president and CEO of NBCUniversal, worth between $30 million and $40 million. The exit would take place shortly after Comcast takes over as majority owner of the company.[76]
4	WLGA/Columbus, GA ceases operations as an Independent station.[77]
11	ESPN launches ESPN 3D, the country's first nationwide 3DTV channel, to coincide with the start of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.[78]
14	Cablevision buys out Bresnan Communications for $1.365 billion.[79]

15	Local TV buys Portsmouth, Virginia station WGNT from CBS Corporation for $16.5 million, pending FCC approval. Until the sale closes, Local TV will operate WGNT through a local marketing agreement before they move the studios to Local's CBS affiliate in the Hampton Roads market, WTKR.[80]
16	The premiere of the TV Land series *Hot in Cleveland* draws 4.75 million viewers, making it the most watched program in the network's 14-year history.[81]
17	28.2 million people watch the seventh and deciding game of the 2010 NBA Finals on ABC, in which the Los Angeles Lakers defeat the Boston Celtics to win the NBA Championship; it is the most watched NBA telecast since 1998.[82]
22	Dish Network removes the HD feeds of Disney Channel, Disney XD, ABC Family, and ESPNews due to a carriage dispute that continues to this day.[83]
	CNN announces the 8 PM ET time slot Campbell Brown is vacating will be filled by a talk show hosted by Eliot Spitzer and Kathleen Parker.[84]
24	*Happening Now* co-anchor Jane Skinner leaves Fox News Channel to spend more time with her family.[85]
28	Steve Carell confirms he will leave *The Office*, where he portrays Michael Scott, at the end of the 2010–11 season.[86]
	Disney Channel late night Disney's animation is discontinued.
29	Larry King announces he will end his long-running CNN program *Larry King Live* in the fall.[87]

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	DirecTV and Panasonic launch n3D, the world's first 24-hour 3DTV channel.[88]

7	Due to poor sales and possibly a decline in ratings and interest in *American Idol's* 9th season, the accompanying "American Idols LIVE! Tour 2010" cancels eight of its 38 shows.[89]
	Jenna Lee from Fox Business Network is named as the new co-anchor of *Happening Now*, beginning July 12.[90]
8	NBA player LeBron James buys an hour of airtime on ESPN to announce he will sign with the Miami Heat via free agency instead of staying with the Cleveland Cavaliers. The advertising proceeds from the special, titled *The Decision*, go to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.[91]
9	A profanity-laced video parody involving the news department at NBC affiliate KARK-TV in Little Rock, Arkansas that later surfaces on YouTube leads to station management dismissing four employees involved in the stunt.[92][93]
10	Dish Network/EchoStar launches its newest satellite, EchoStar XV.[94]
11	The final match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, in which Spain defeats the Netherlands, becomes the most watched soccer match in American television history, with 24.3 million people tuning into ABC and Univision to watch the final.[95]
12	MTV Tr3́s drops the "MTV" from its name and simply becomes Tr3́s, with a new slogan "MTV: Musica y Mas" (Spanish for MTV: Music and More).[96]
	With over 7.5 million viewers,[97] the premiere of the TNT drama *Rizzoli & Isles* sets a record as the highest-rated debut for a commercial-supported cable series; it is also the second-highest debut ever for a basic cable TV series.[98][99]
13	ABC affiliate WABG-TV in Greenwood, Mississippi announces plans to sign-on the Greenville-Greenwood market's first locally based NBC affiliate on WNBD-LD. The new station will sign-on exactly five months later, on December 13.
15	AT&T Uverse and Rainbow Media reach a new carriage deal, resolving a dispute that would have kept WE tv, AMC, Sundance Channel and IFC from being on the IPTV provider.[100]

16	Rich Fields announces on his website that he has been let go as announcer of *The Price Is Right*, as producers look to change certain aspects of the game show, including adding performances by live bands and putting a comedian at the podium Fields occupied for six years.[101] Fields is the only announcer in the history of the long running CBS game show to leave without dying. Fields however, would be one of the group of guest announcers on *Wheel of Fortune (U.S. game show)* in November following the death of longtime wheel announcer Charlie O'Donnell.
27	Residents in the state of Hawaii lose cable, television, telephone and Internet service from Oceanic Time Warner Cable for nearly two hours after its fiber optic cable system, located 3,000 feet deep in the Molokai Channel, is severely damaged. The hardest hit areas are the island counties of Maui and Hawaii (The Big Island). A new fiber optic cable system is expected to be in place within three to five weeks.[102]
29	American President Barack Obama pays a visit to *The View*, making him the first sitting president to appear on a daytime talk show.
30	PBS Kids stops broadcasting the Emmy Award Winning cartoon *Cyberchase* due to a hiatus that is until 2013 though it still airs on most PBS stations like KLCS in Los Angeles and WNET in New York City.
	Ellen DeGeneres announces that she will leave as *American Idol* judge after one season, saying in a statement that the series "didn't feel like the right fit for me".[103] This is followed by the announcement that Kara DioGuardi had been fired from her role as a judge after two seasons on the show.[104]
31	Baylor University-owned PBS outlet KWBU-TV/Waco, Texas signs off the air after 21 years due to the university's budgetary concerns.[105][106][107]

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	HSN launches a companion channel, HSN2.[108]
	Producers of ABC's *Detroit 1-8-7* announce a change to the format from mockumentary to

	crime drama, in response to an incident in May in which a 7-year-old Detroit girl was accidentally killed by police during the taping of an episode of A&E's *The First 48*.[109]
3	Comcast announces the formation of its newest regional sports network, Comcast SportsNet Houston, which will become the exclusive home of the NBA's Houston Rockets starting in the 2012–13 NBA season and the MLB's Houston Astros starting in the 2013 MLB season.[110]
5	After 30 years as co-host, Mary Hart announces her exit from *Entertainment Tonight*, effective in 2011.[111]
7	The CW4Kids ends
10	Just two weeks after it was reported that she would be joining *American Idol*, Jennifer Lopez turns down the offer amid reports that she and *Idol* producers could not come to terms that Lopez wanted to add to her contract.[112]
11	After 63 years as a reporter and anchorman at KTLA/Los Angeles (ever since its sign-on in 1947), Stan Chambers officially announces his retirement.[113]
14	Toonzai debuts
16	HBO reverses a plan to cancel The Life & Times of Tim, which they announced 2 months earlier.[114]
29	At the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards, *Mad Men* wins Outstanding Drama Series, *Temple Grandin* nabs the Outstanding Television Movie category and *Modern Family* is awarded Outstanding Comedy Series. Jimmy Fallon hosts the event on NBC, which broadcasts the event live to all time zones for the first time ever.
30	An affiliation switch takes place in San Antonio, with KMYS joining The CW and KCWX taking My Network TV[115]

September[edit]

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1	AT&T Uverse drops Crown Media Holdings-owned channels Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movie Channel due to a carriage dispute.[116]
	James Lee, a gunman and armed bomber, takes the Discovery Communications Building in Silver Spring, Maryland hostage for several hours.[117] Lee is subsequently confirmed dead by a shot to the head and the hostages are released unharmed.[118]
2	A deal is reached between Time Warner Cable and The Walt Disney Company that prevents Disney networks such as ESPN, Disney Channel, ABC Family, and ABC owned-and-operated stations from being taken off TWC's lineup. The agreement also adds ESPN's 3D channel and Internet streaming of live sporting events.[119]
3	Kara DioGuardi confirms she will not return as *American Idol* judge.[120]
17	After 54 years on television, *As the World Turns*, the last of the Procter and Gamble Productions soap operas, airs its final CBS episode.[121]
22	The producers of *Sesame Street* pull a taped segment featuring singer Katy Perry performing a modified "kid friendly" version of her song "Hot n Cold" with Elmo after a preview on YouTube draws complaints from parents for Perry's wearing a costume with too much cleavage showing.[122] Later that week, Perry alludes to the incident on *Saturday Night Live* by wearing a low-cut Elmo T-shirt in a skit.
	American Idol confirms plans for its 10th season in 2011, including the return of Nigel Lythgoe as executive producer and a 3-judge panel of Randy Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, and Steven Tyler.[123][124]
23	NBCUniversal CEO Jeff Zucker announces he will depart the company once its purchase by Comcast is completed.[125] He has since been replaced by Comcast COO Stephen Burke.[126]
24	CNN President Jonathan Klein resigns and is replaced by Ken Jautz.[127][128]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	Sony launches a new movie channel called Sony Movie Channel, its first wholly owned American channel.[129]
	Fox Sports en Español changes its name to Fox Deportes.[130]
	Dish Network drops Fox-owned channels FX, National Geographic Channel, and 19 FSN affiliates due to a carriage dispute.[131] Fox Cable Networks also informs Dish Network customers that the contracts for owned and operated Fox and MyNetworkTV broadcast stations, along with Fox affiliates formerly owned by the network and since sold to Local TV LLC expire on November 1.[132]
	Dish Network drops MSG Media-owned channels MSG Network and MSG Plus due to a carriage dispute that continues to this day.[133]
	CNN announces it has terminated Rick Sanchez, one day after the anchor made comments on a radio show that referred to Jon Stewart as a "bigot" and suggested that CNN is run by Jewish people.[134]
6	BET's 106 & Park celebrates 10th anniversary of the past years of broadcasting since 2000.
8	For the first time in its 46 years, PBS affiliate KCET/Los Angeles announces that it will become an independent educational station and drop PBS on December 31, 2010.[135]
10	After more than 13 years, Discovery Kids is relaunched (and rebranded) as The Hub, a new kids and family channel jointly operated by Discovery Communications and Hasbro, Inc.[136]
11	Caitlin Sanchez, the voice of Dora the Explorer, sues Nickelodeon for $7 million in back pay stemming from a contract dispute.[137]
14	A debate about the Ground Zero mosque controversy with Fox News host Bill O'Reilly results

	in Whoopi Goldberg and Joy Behar storming off the set of *The View*.[138]
16	Cablevision pulls Fox-owned channels WNYW, WWOR-TV, WTXF-TV, National Geographic Wild, Fox Business Network, and Fox Deportes due to a carriage dispute.[139]
21	NPR fires commentator Juan Williams for saying he gets worried and nervous when he sees people wearing Muslim attire on planes during a segment on Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor* the previous day.[140] Williams would later accept a lucrative contract (worth $2 million) to join Fox news full-time.[141]
29	Dish Network and Fox come to terms on a renewal of their carriage agreement for their broadcast stations and cable networks two days before Fox's broadcast stations, along with the formerly Fox-owned affiliates now owned by Local TV LLC were to be removed.[142]
30	Cablevision and Fox come to terms on a new carriage agreement, restoring Fox's networks and cable channels to their systems in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, although Cablevision calls the cost for the channels "unfair" in their release detailing the new deal under undisclosed terms.[143][144]
31	Video on Demand service Fearnet launches a linear high definition channel.[145] Currently, no carriage deals have been reached for the channel.[146]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	After a 21-year run on Univision, Cristina Saralegui's self-titled talk show, *El Show de Cristina* airs its final episode; though Saralegui was against Univison's cancellation,[147] she continues to work with the network on a number of projects and specials.[148]
	DirecTV removes G4 due to a carriage dispute. This marks the beginning of a slow decline, which led to G4 discontinuing all operations more than four years later.[149]
	Dish Network and Belo Corporation come to terms on a new carriage agreement minutes

	before the Belo-owned stations were to be pulled in a separate carriage dispute.[150]
4	ABC announces it will sell WTVG/Toledo and WJRT-TV/Flint back to former owner SJL Broadcasting, pending FCC approval.[151]
5	MSNBC suspends Keith Olbermann for donating to three Democratic congressional candidates in the last weeks before the November general election against NBC News policies.[152] Initially an indefinite suspension, MSNBC reinstates Olbermann on November 9,[153] when the host thanks his supporters and viewers but slams MSNBC, claiming that he did not know about their policy against donating money to political candidates or parties.[154][155]
	AT&T Uverse removes the suite of Scripps Networks channels, (excluding Travel Channel, which remains under a previous carriage agreement under former owner Discovery Networks) in a carriage dispute.[156] They are restored on November 7, 2010.[157]
	A woman on Wheel of Fortune solved the puzzle ("I've Got a Good Feeling About This!") with one letter. In the same episode hosts Pat Sajak and Vanna White pay tribute to their announcer Charlie O'Donnell who died earlier in the week on November 1.
7	Jo Frost announces that she is leaving *Supernanny* to start a family of her own, thus ending the series' run after seven seasons.[158]
8	*Conan* debuts on TBS, 9½ months after host Conan O'Brien's departure from *The Tonight Show*. The premiere, which attracts 4.2 million viewers, features guest appearances by Arlene Wagner, Seth Rogen, and Lea Michele; a musical performance from Jack White; pre-taped warm wishes from Ricky Gervais; and a filmed cold-open sketch that features Larry King and Jon Hamm (as his *Mad Men* character Don Draper).[159]
	ESPN announces the breakup of its longtime *ESPN Sunday Night Baseball* announcing team of Jon Miller and Joe Morgan, as Morgan's contract is not renewed and Miller is asked to move to radio broadcasts (Miller declines the move and leaves ESPN entirely).[160]
	ION Media Networks announces it is acquiring ShopNBC affiliate WQEX/Pittsburgh from WQED Multimedia for $3 million. If the FCC approves, the move will give Pittsburgh its first Ion affiliate (under the new call sign

	WINP).[161]
10	Oprah Winfrey invites former talk show hosts Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Raphael, Geraldo Rivera, Ricki Lake and Montel Williams as guests on her show, the first time Winfrey had fellow talk hosts appear together since their programs left the air.[162]
	Fox Business Network announces ex-CNN anchor Lou Dobbs will join the channel in 2011.[163]
11	After more than 40 years, Gene Shalit leaves *The Today Show*.[164]
13	In the wake of Demi Lovato's decision to enter a treatment facility to deal with "emotional and physical issues," The Disney Channel announces that her sitcom *Sonny With a Chance* will be temporarily revamped, focusing on sketches from the show-within-a-show "So Random," until she returns for the show's third season in January 2011.[165]
15	St. Louis television stations KSDK (NBC affiliate owned by Gannett Company) and KDNL-TV (ABC affiliate owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group) announce that they will start joint-venturing on daily 5PM and 10PM newscasts for KDNL beginning January 3, 2011. The move will create the first local newscasts on KDNL since it dropped its own low-rated news in 2001.[166]
16	Former reality TV producer Bruce Beresford-Redman is arrested for the murder of his wife.[167]
17	Freedom Communications puts all of its 10 television stations on the selling block for $500 million.[168]
19	Two weeks after Keith Olbermann's suspension for political donations, MSNBC suspends *Morning Joe* host Joe Scarborough for making contributions to Florida Republican candidates.[169]
24	Dish Network drops Comcast SportsNet California after losing in FCC arbitration.[170]
30	Susan Boyle abruptly stops her live performance of "O Holy Night" on *The View* after starting to cough. The singer asks to start over, but the segment ends instead with thanks from hosts Whoopi Goldberg and Sherri Shepherd and Boyle stating that she had a "frog in (her)

	throat." The performance is rerecorded for the West Coast airing,[171] but the live version makes its rounds through YouTube.[172]

December[edit]

Date	Event
2	Over 7 million people tune into TNT to watch the Miami Heat defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers in LeBron James' first appearance in Cleveland since controversially leaving the team 5 months earlier; it is the third most-watched NBA regular season telecast on cable since 1996.[173]
9	Idaho Falls-Pocatello, Idaho outlets KIDK (a CBS affiliate owned by Fisher Communications) and KIFI (an ABC affiliate owned by News-Press & Gazette Company) announced a shared-services agreement, which will result in the termination of 27 employees.[174]
16	CNN's *Larry King Live* airs its last original episode, with President Barack Obama, former President Bill Clinton, and news anchors Barbara Walters, Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric and Brian Williams among those appearing to wish host Larry King well on his retirement.
17	WSB-TV/Atlanta anchor/reporter John Pruitt anchors the 6PM newscast for the last time, ending a 46-year run at the station.[175]
20	Salinas/Monterey, California NBC affiliate KSBW announces it will add ABC to KSBW-DT2 in Spring 2011, returning ABC to the market for the first time since San Jose's KNTV became a Bay Area-centric NBC affiliate (now O&O) in 2002. The deal is officially announced on February 11, 2011 and takes effect on April 18. At that time, KSBW-DT2 rebrands itself as "Central Coast ABC".[176][177]
21	The studios of ABC affiliate WSOC-TV/Charlotte are shut down for an hour and its 5PM newscast ends early after a woman enters the lobby with a gun and apparently intending to commit suicide. The woman is later apprehended and her gun is discovered to be unloaded.[178]
26	A blizzard in the Philadelphia area postpones an *NBC Sunday Night Football* game between

	the Eagles and Minnesota Vikings to Tuesday the 28th,[179] the 2nd postponement of an NFL game this month. (A December 12 Vikings home game with the New York Giants is moved to December 13 and played in Detroit due to damage to the Vikings' home stadium, the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. That game's broadcast was limited to Fox stations in the New York, the Twin Cities, Albany, Mankato, and Rochester markets.)
27	After 2 years, Adult Swim changed from 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM.
30	Hearst Television reaches a carriage fee agreement with DirecTV, keeping Hearst-owned stations on the satellite provider after December 31.[180]
31	Time Warner Cable and Sinclair Broadcast Group announce a temporary agreement (through January 14, 2011) to keep Sinclair-owned-or-operated stations on Time Warner and Bright House Networks cable systems.[181] The announcement comes during heated negotiations over carriage fees, during which Sinclair threatened to pull its signals on December 31 and Time Warner announced intentions to continue affected network programming through other means if that happened.[182][183]
	Dish Network's current deal for E! and Style Network runs out, but a temporary agreement allows the channel to remain on while negotiations continue.[184]

Television programs[edit]

Programs debuting in 2010[edit]

Date	Show	Network	Source
January 1	*Curb Appeal*	HGTV	[185]
	The Outdoor Room		[186]
January 3	*101 Tastiest Places to Chowdown*	Travel Channel	[187]
	Frank the Entertainer in a Basement Affair	VH1	[187]

	Secrets of Aspen		[187]
	Worst Cooks in America	Food Network	[187]
January 4	*Blood, Sweat and Takeaways*	Planet Green	[188]
January 5	*Wild Recon*	Animal Planet	[187]
January 8	*Operation Wild*	Planet Green	[189]
January 11	*Border Wars*	Nat Geo	[187]
	Fantasia for Real	VH1	[187]
	Let's Talk About Pep		[187]
January 12	*Blue Mountain State*	Spike	[190]
January 13	*Solving History with Olly Steeds*	Discovery Channel	[191]
January 14	*Carnie Wilson: Unstapled*	GSN	[187]
January 16	*Pit Boss*	Animal Planet	[187]
January 17	*Human Target*	Fox	[192]
January 18	*American Pickers*	The History Channel	[193]
	The Buried Life	MTV	[187]

	My Life as Liz		[187]
	Life Unexpected	The CW	[187]
	Rick's List	CNN	[194]
January 19	*Paranormal Cops*	A&E	[187]
January 21	*The Deep End*	ABC	[195]
January 22	*Caprica*	Syfy	[187]
	Spartacus: Blood and Sand	Starz	[196]
January 25	*Team Umizoomi*	Nickelodeon	
February 1	*America Live with Megyn Kelly*	Fox News Channel	[197]
	Kell on Earth	Bravo	[187]
February 2	*The Michael Vick Project*	BET	[198]
February 6	*SciGirls*	PBS Kids Go!	
February 7	*Undercover Boss*	CBS	[199]
February 8	*NFL Full Contact*	TruTV	[200]
February 10	*Inside NASCAR*	Showtime	[201]

February 11	*Past Life*	Fox	[187]
February 13	*Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood*	Adult Swim	
	Kick Buttowski: Suburban Daredevil	Disney XD	
February 14	*How to Make It in America*	HBO	[202]
February 19	*The Ricky Gervais Show*		[203]
February 20	*The Robert Verdi Show*	Logo	[204]
February 23	*WWE NXT*	Syfy	[205]
March 1	*Hero: 108*	Cartoon Network	
	Parenthood	NBC	[187]
March 4	*The Marriage Ref*		[187]
March 5	*Who Do You Think You Are?*		[206]
March 7	*Pink Panther and Pals*	Cartoon Network	
March 14	*Minute to Win It*	NBC	[207]
	The Antonio Treatment	HGTV	[186]
	The Pacific	HBO	[208]

	Sons of Tucson	Fox	[187]
March 15	*Basketball Wives*	VH1	[209]
	The Price of Beauty		[210]
	TRANSform Me		[211]
March 17	*Addicted*	TLC	[212]
March 21	*Unique Autosports: Miami*	Spike TV	[213]
March 22	*John King, USA*	CNN	[214]
March 27	*Victorious*	Nickelodeon	[215]
April 2	*Miami Medical*	CBS	[216]
April 3	*Doodlebops Rockin' Road Show*	Cookie Jar TV	[217]
	ESPN Sports Saturday	ABC	[218]
	Winners Bracket		[218]
April 4	*Good Luck Charlie*	Disney Channel	[219]
April 5	*Adventure Time*	Cartoon Network	[220]
April 6	*Paris Hilton's British Best Friend*	TVGN	[221]

April 11	*Treme*	HBO	[222]
April 19	*Romantically Challenged*	ABC	[223]
April 23	*Ben 10: Ultimate Alien*	Cartoon Network	[224]
	Generator Rex		[225]
April 28	*Happy Town*	ABC	[226]
May 19	*The Good Guys*	Fox	[227]
May 27	*100 Questions*	NBC	[228]
May 29	*Mall Cops: Mall of America*	TLC	[229]
	The Special Relationship	HBO	[230]
June 1	*Losing It With Jillian*	NBC	[231]
June 6	*Top Shot*	History Channel	[232]
June 7	*Neighbors from Hell*	TBS	[233]
	Persons Unknown	NBC	[234]
June 8	*Pretty Little Liars*	ABC Family	[235]
June 10	*The Green Room with Paul Provenza*	Showtime	[236]

	Late Night Liars	GSN	[237]
June 11	*Dual Survival*	Discovery Channel	[238]
June 13	*Holly's World*	E!	[239]
	Rubicon	AMC	[240]
	Unnatural History	Cartoon Network	[241]
June 16	*Bert the Conqueror*	Travel Channel	[242]
	Hot in Cleveland	TV Land	[243]
June 20	*The Real L Word*	Showtime	[236]
	The Gates	ABC	[244]
	Scoundrels		[244]
June 22	*Memphis Beat*	TNT	[245]
June 24	*Rookie Blue*	ABC	[244]
June 27	*Mary Shelley's Frankenhole*	Adult Swim	[246]
June 28	*Huge*	ABC Family	[235]
	The Kilborn File	Some Fox O&O stations	[247]

July 9	*Haven*	Syfy	[248]
July 11	*The Glades*	A&E	[249]
July 12	*Rizzoli & Isles*	TNT	[250]
	Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated	Cartoon Network	[251]
July 13	*Covert Affairs*	USA Network	[252]
July 19	*RuPaul's Drag U*	Logo	[204]
July 20	*If You Really Knew Me*	MTV	[253]
July 23	*The Pillars of the Earth*	Starz	[254]
July 26	*The Huckabee Show*	Fox	[255]
July 27	*MasterChef*		[256]
July 28	*Plain Jane*	The CW	[257]
August 3	*18 to Life*		[258]
August 5	*The Real Housewives of D.C.*	Bravo	[259]
August 9	*Bachelor Pad*	ABC	[260]
August 14	Toonzai	The CW	

August 16	*The Big C*	Showtime	[261]
August 17	*Big Lake*	Comedy Central	[262]
	Melissa & Joey	ABC Family	[261]
September 1	*Changing Lanes*	BET	[263]
September 3	*Fish Hooks*	Disney Channel	[264]
September 5	*Mel B: It's a Scary World*	Style	[265]
September 6	*The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!*	PBS Kids	
	NFL Rush Zone	Nicktoons	
	Mad	Cartoon Network	
	Regular Show		
September 8	*Terriers*	FX	[266]
	Hellcats	The CW	[267]
September 9	*Nikita*		[267]
September 13	*The Nate Berkus Show*	Syndication	[268]
	World of Jenks	MTV	[269]

September 14	*Sextuplets Take New York*	TLC	[270]
September 15	*Outlaw*	NBC	[271]
September 17	*Sym-Bionic Titan*	Cartoon Network	[272]
September 19	*Boardwalk Empire*	HBO	[273]
September 20	*Chase*	NBC	[274]
	The Event		[275]
	Hawaii Five-0	CBS	[276]
	Mike & Molly		[276]
	Lone Star	Fox	[277]
September 21	*Raising Hope*		
	Running Wilde		
	Detroit 1-8-7	ABC	[278]
September 22	*Better with You*		[278]
	The Whole Truth		[278]

	The Defenders	CBS	[276]
	Pair of Kings	Disney XD	[279]
	Undercovers	NBC	[280]
September 23	*My Generation*	ABC	[278]
	$h! My Dad Says*	CBS	[276]
September 24	*Blue Bloods*		[276]
	Outsourced	NBC	[275]
September 26	*Sister Wives*	TLC	[281]
September 27	*The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell*	MSNBC	[282]
	Qubo night owl	Qubo	
September 28	*No Ordinary Family*	ABC	[278]
September 29	*Law & Order: LA*	NBC	[64]
October 2	*Planet Sheen*	Nickelodeon	
	T.U.F.F. Puppy		

October 3	*IRT Deadliest Roads*	History	[283]
October 4	*The A-List: New York*	Logo	
	The Arrangement		
	Parker Spitzer	CNN	
October 8	*Gigantic*	TeenNick	
October 10	*Food Feuds*	Food Network	
	Cosmic Quantum Ray	The Hub	
	Deltora Quest		
	Dennis the Menace and Gnasher		
	Family Game Night		
	Pound Puppies		
	My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic		
	Strawberry Shortcake's Berry Bitty Adventures		
	The Twisted Whiskers Show		
October 11	*Animal Mechanicals*		

	In the Night Garden...		
	Pictureka!		
	The WotWots		
	Zevo-3	Nicktoons	
October 12	*Nick Swardson's Pretend Time*	Comedy Central	[284]
October 14	*The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*	Bravo	[285]
	The Vanilla Ice Project	DIY Network	[286]
October 15	*The Adventures of Chuck and Friends*	The Hub	
	School Pride	NBC	[287]
October 18	*Bret Michaels: Life as I Know It*	VH1	[288]
	The Talk	CBS	[289]
October 19	*Tower Prep*	Cartoon Network	[290]
October 20	*The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes*	Disney XD	[291]
	That's Tough	G4	[292]
October 25	*American Restoration*	History	[283]

	Robotomy	Cartoon Network	[293]
October 28	*Police Women of Dallas*	TLC	[294]
October 29	*R. L. Stine's The Haunting Hour: The Series*	Hub Network	
October 30	*America Now*	Syndication	[295]
October 31	*The Walking Dead*	AMC	[296]
November 5	*Hubworld*	The Hub	
November 7	*Married to Rock*	E!	[297]
	Shake It Up	Disney Channel	[298]
November 8	*Conan*	TBS	[299]
November 16	*Glory Daze*		[300]
November 22	*Skating with the Stars*	ABC	[301]
November 26	*The Fran Drescher Show*	Some Fox O&O stations	[302]
	G.I. Joe: Renegades	The Hub	[citation needed]
November 29	*Transformers: Prime*		[citation needed]
December 1	*Storage Wars*	A&E	[303]

December 5	*The Hasselhoffs*		[304]
December 6	*Next Great Baker*	TLC	[305]
December 20	*Million Dollar Money Drop*	Fox	[306]
	Perfect Couples	NBC	[citation needed]
December 29	*I Used to Be Fat*	MTV	[307]
	My Strange Addiction	TLC	[citation needed]
December 31	*Wild Kratts*	PBS Kids Go!	

Network changes[edit]

Show	Moved From	Moved To	Source
American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	TLC	Discovery Channel	
Hole in the Wall	Fox	Cartoon Network	[308]
Childrens Hospital	The WB	Adult Swim	[309]
The Martha Stewart Show	Syndication	Hallmark Channel	[310]
Southland	NBC	TNT	[311]
Merlin		Syfy	[312]

WWE SmackDown	MyNetworkTV		[313]	

Programs returning in 2010[edit]

Show	Last Aired	Previous Network	Retitled as/Same	New/Returning/Same Network	Returning	Source
The Tonight Show with Jay Leno	2009	NBC	Same	Same	March 1	[314]
Jon & Kate Plus 8		TLC	*Kate Plus 8*		June 6	[315]
Last Comic Standing	2008	NBC	Same		June 7	[316]
Futurama	2009	Fox		Comedy Central	June 24	[317]
Mad TV			*MAD*	Cartoon Network	September 6	
Judge Karen		Syndication	*Judge Karen's Court*	Same	September 20	[318]
Spliced		Qubo	Same		September 28	[319]

Programs ending in 2010[edit]

Date	Show	Debut	Source

January 22	*The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien*	2009	[320]
January 26	*Better Off Ted*		[321]
January 29	*Dollhouse*		[322]
	The Live Desk	2006	[197]
January 30	*The Secret Saturdays*	2008	
February 8	*Heroes*	2006	[323]
February 9	*The Jay Leno Show*	2009	[324]
February 11	*American Chopper*	2003	[325]
February 16	*ECW*	2006	[205]
February 21	*Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!*		
February 25	*The Deep End*	2010	[326]
March 3	*Nip/Tuck*	2003	[327]
March 12	*Numbers*	2005	[328]
March 13	*Chaotic*	2006	
March 17	*Gary Unmarried*	2008	[328]

	Scrubs	2001	[321]
March 20	*Seducing Cindy*	2010	[329]
	Solitary	2006	[329]
March 24	*MonsterQuest*	2007	[330]
March 26	*Ben 10: Alien Force*	2008	[331]
March 27	*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*	2003	
April 2	*Worldfocus*	2008	[332]
April 10	*Dinosaur King*	2007	
April 13	*Melrose Place*	2009	[333]
April 14	*Ugly Betty*	2006	[334]
April 15	*The Sarah Silverman Program*	2007	[335]
April 21	*Accidentally on Purpose*	2009	[328]
April 26	*Trauma*		[336]
April 28	*High Society*	2010	[337]
April 30	*Amanpour*	2009	[338]

	It's a Big Big World	2006	
	NOW	2002	[339]
May 2	*Cold Case*	2003	[328]
May 12	*The New Adventures of Old Christine*	2006	[340]
	Mercy	2009	[341]
May 15	*The Wanda Sykes Show*	2009	[67]
May 16	*The Pacific*	2010	[67]
May 17	*Romantically Challenged*	2010	[321]
May 20	*King of the Hill*	1997	[342]
May 21	*Ghost Whisperer*	2005	[340]
May 22	*Legend of the Seeker*	2008	[343]
May 23	*Lost*	2004	[344]
	'Til Death	2006	[345]
May 24	*24*	2001	[346]
	Law & Order	1990	[64]

	10 Things I Hate About You	2009	[347]
May 27	*FlashForward*		[321]
May 28	*The Bonnie Hunt Show*	2008	[348]
	Deal or No Deal (syndicated version)		[349]
	The Tyra Banks Show	2005	[350]
May 30	*The Backyardigans*	2004	
June 1	*Totally Spies*	2001	[351]
June 11	*Past Life*	2010	[352]
June 16	*Happy Town*		[353]
June 20	*The Tudors*	2007	[354]
June 21	*Saving Grace*		[355]
July 1	*100 Questions*	2010	[356]
July 2	*Miami Medical*		[328]
July 3	*The Forgotten*	2009	[357]
	Three Rivers		[358]

July 13	*The Hills*	2006	[359]
	The City	2008	[360]
July 21	*Campbell Brown*		[361]
July 23	*Cyberchase* (returned in 2013)	2002	
July 26	*Neighbors from Hell*	2010	
July 30	*Aaron Stone*	2009	[362]
August 1	*Sons of Tucson*	2010	[363]
August 7	*Chowder*	2007	
August 14	*At the Movies*	1986	[364]
August 17	*18 to Life*	2010	[365]
August 23	*Pink Panther and Pals*		
August 30	*Huge*		[366]
	The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack	2008	
September 8	*Criss Angel Mindfreak*	2005	

September 12	*My Boys*	2006	[367]
September 15	*Dark Blue*	2009	[368]
September 17	*As the World Turns* (CBS Daytime)	1956	[369]
September 21	*Unnatural History*	2010	[370]
September 27	*Lonestar*		[371]
September 30	*My Generation*		[372]
October 1	*Rick's List*		[134]
	Daily 10	2006	[373]
October 3	*Caillou*	2000	
	Jonas L.A.	2009	[374]
October 8	*Ready Set Learn*	1992	
October 9	*My Friends Tigger & Pooh*	2007	
October 10	*Discovery Kids*	1996	

October 17	*Rubicon*	2010	[375]
October 21	*The Real Housewives of D.C.*		[376]
November 1	*El Show de Cristina*	1989	[377]
November 2	*Barney & Friends*	1992	
November 4	*Fetch! with Ruff Ruffman*	2006	
November 13	*Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps*	2009	
	Outlaw	2010	[378]
November 21	*The Venture Bros.* (returned in 2013)	2003	
December 1	*Terriers*	2010	[379]
	The Twisted Whiskers Show		
December 5	*The Hasselhoffs*		[380]
	Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!	2007	
December 6	*Little People, Big World*	2006	[381]
December 10	*The Good Guys*	2010	[382]
December 18	*Larry King Live*	1985	[383]

December 28	*Tower Prep*	2010	[384]
December 29	*Undercovers*		[385]
December 31	*Discovery Health Channel*	1999	

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
January 2	David Gerber	86	TV executive (Columbia Pictures Television and MGM Television) and producer (*Police Woman*, *Batman*, *Room 222*, *thirtysomething*)	[386]
January 4	Rory Markas	54	TV and radio sportscaster (Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and Milwaukee Brewers play-by-play announcer; Sports anchor/reporter at Fox Sports West/Prime Ticket and Los Angeles TV stations KCBS-TV and KTTV)	[387]
January 8	Art Clokey	88	Animator (Creator of *Gumby*)	[388]
January 13	Teddy Pendergrass	59	R&B singer (*Pink Lady and Jeff*, *1985 Live Aid Telecast*)	[389]
January 19	Jennifer Lyon	37	Reality television participant (*Survivor: Palau*)	[390]
January 22	James Mitchell	89	Actor (*All My Children*, *The Edge of Night*, *Where the Heart Is*)	[391]
	Jean Simmons	80	Actress, Emmy Award winner for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries for *The Thorn Birds*	[392]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
	Johnny Seven	83	Character actor (*Ironside*, *Amy Prentiss*)	[393]
January 24	James Henry Quello	95	Broadcaster, politician, lawyer, consultant, and commissioner of the FCC; VP of Capital Cities Communications	[394]
	Pernell Roberts	81	Actor/singer (*Bonanza*, *Trapper John, M.D.*)	[395]
January 27	Zelda Rubinstein	76	Actress and activist (*Jennifer Slept Here*, *Picket Fences*)	[396]
January 29	Tom Brookshier	78	All-pro football player and NFL commentator for CBS	[397]
January 30	Aaron Ruben	95	TV creator, screenwriter, director and producer (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*, *The Headmaster*, *Sanford and Son*)	[398]
February 1	Justin Mentell	27	Actor (*Boston Legal*)	[399]
February 3	Frances Reid	95	Actress (*Days of Our Lives*)	[400]
February 4	Cecil Heftel	85	Politician (Hawaii's 1st congressional district), broadcaster and television/radio station group owner (Founder of Heftel Broadcasting, the first owners of KGMB/Honolulu, Hawaii)	[401][402]
February 5	Frank Magid	78	Broadcasting/marketing consultant (founder of Frank N. Magid Associates)	[403]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
February 9	Phil Harris	53	Fishing boat captain and reality show participant (*Deadliest Catch*)	[404]
February 11	Caroline McWilliams	64	Actress and director (*Soap*, *Benson*, *Another World*, *Guiding Light*)	[405]
February 14	Andrew Koenig	41	Actor (*Growing Pains*)	[406]
February 16	Bo Griffin	51	TV/radio personality (*Good Day Live*, *Extra*, *GSN Live*, & *The Big Reveal* on HGTV)	[407]
March 4	Nan Martin	82	Actress (*The Drew Carey Show*)	[408]
March 10	Corey Haim	38	Actor (half of the acting duo The Two Coreys, also appeared in a reality show of the same name).	[409]
March 11	Merlin Olsen	69	Football player (Los Angeles Rams) and commentator (NBC/CBS Sports), actor (*Little House on the Prairie*, *Father Murphy*), commercial spokesman (FTD Florists)	[410]
March 14	Peter Graves	83	Actor (*Mission: Impossible*, *7th Heaven*), host of *Biography*	[411]
March 18	Fess Parker	85	Actor (*Davy Crockett*, *Daniel Boone*)	[412]
March 19	Bill McIntyre	80	Actor (*Newhart*, *Dallas*, *Murphy Brown*)	[413]
March 21	Margaret Moth	58	New Zealand-born photojournalist for CNN	[414]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
March 24	Robert Culp	79	Actor (*I Spy*, *The Greatest American Hero*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*)	[415]
March 25	Chet Simmons	81	Sports executive, first president of ESPN, later commissioner for the United States Football League	[416]
March 30	David Mills	48	Screenwriter (*NYPD Blue*, *The Corner*, *Kingpin*, *ER*, *The Wire*)	[417]
April 1	John Forsythe	92	Actor (Blake Carrington on *Dynasty*, voice of Charlie on *Charlie's Angels*, and starred in *Bachelor Father*)	[418]
April 9	Meinhardt Raabe	94	Actor (Played Munchkin who declares "the witch is dead" in *The Wizard of Oz*)	[419]
April 10	Dixie Carter	70	Actress (*Designing Women*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, *Out of the Blue*, *The Edge of Night*, *Family Law*)	[420]
April 12	Peter Haskell	75	Actor (*Bracken's World*, *Ryan's Hope*)	[421]
April 15	Benjamin Hooks	85	Former executive director of NAACP, first African-commissioner on the FCC	[422]
April 18	Allen Swift	86	Voice actor (*The Howdy Doody Show*, *Mighty Mouse*, *Underdog*)	[423]
April 20	Myles Wilder	77	Screenwriter (*McHale's Navy*, *The Dukes of Hazzard*)	
April 27	Dorothy Provine	75	Actress, comedian, dancer and singer (*The Roaring 20s*, *The Alaskans*, *Man Without a Gun*)	[424]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
May 1	Helen Wagner	91	Actress (*As the World Turns*)	[425]
May 2	Lynn Redgrave	67	Actress (*House Calls*, *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*, spokesperson for Weight Watchers)	[426]
May 4	Ernie Harwell	92	TV/radio sportscaster (voice of the Detroit Tigers for 42 seasons, called the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" on TV, recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award).	[427]
May 9	Lena Horne	92	Actress, singer and entertainer (hosted her own special in 1969 and 1973; performed on *Kraft Music Hall*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Dean Martin Show*, *The Judy Garland Show*, *The Hollywood Palace*, and *The Andy Williams Show*)	[428]
May 12	Allan Manings	86	TV creator and screenwriter (*McHale's Navy, Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In, Good Times, One Day at a Time*)	[429]
May 19	Martin Cohan	77	Screenwriter and producer (*Diff'rent Strokes*, *Silver Spoons*, *Who's the Boss?*)	
May 28	Gary Coleman	42	Actor, politician and former child star, best known as Arnold Jackson on *Diff'rent Strokes*	[430]
May 29	Dennis Hopper	74	Director and actor (*Crash*, spokesperson for Ameriprise Financial)	[431]
June 3	Rue McClanahan	76	Actress, best known as Vivian Harmon on *Maude*, Fran Crowley on *Mama's Family*, and her Emmy Award-winning role as Blanche Devereaux on *The Golden Girls*	[432]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
June 5	Robert Wussler	73	Broadcasting executive (CBS, Turner Sports)	[433]
June 13	Jimmy Dean	81	Singer, TV personality (*The Jimmy Dean Show*) and businessman	[434]
June 19	Vince O'Brien	91	Character actor (*Westinghouse Studio One*, *Dark Shadows*, *Ryan's Hope*, *Law & Order*; known as the Shell Answer Man)	[435]
June 23	Allyn Ferguson	85	Composer (*Charlie's Angels* and *Barney Miller* theme songs)	[436]
June 28	Robert Byrd	92	Politician and musician (appeared on *Hee Haw* as a musical guest)	[437]
July 11	Bob Sheppard	99	Public address announcer for the New York Yankees (1951–2007) and for the New York Giants (1956–2006). Voice can be heard in shows and films set at Yankees and Giants games (including several episodes of *Seinfeld*), as well as in commercials for YES Network.	[438]
July 13	George Steinbrenner	80	Businessman, owner of the New York Yankees since 1973, founder and owner of YES Network	[439]
July 15	Peter Fernandez	83	Voice actor (*Speed Racer*, *Courage the Cowardly Dog*)	[440]
July 16	James Gammon	70	Actor (*Nash Bridges*, *Bagdad Cafe*)	[441]
July 20	Peta Rutter	51	New Zealand actress (Udonna the Sorceress	[442]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			in *Power Rangers: Mystic Force*).	
July 23	Daniel Schorr	93	Radio/TV news reporter and journalist for CBS News and CNN	[443]
July 27	Maury Chaykin	61	Actor who portrayed Nero Wolfe in the TV film *The Golden Spiders: A Nero Wolfe Mystery* and the A&E 2001–02 series *A Nero Wolfe Mystery*.	[444]
July 28	John Aylesworth	81	Screenwriter and producer (Co-creator of *Hee Haw*; writer for *Your Hit Parade, The Sonny and Cher Show, The Julie Andrews Hour, Hullabaloo*, and *Kraft Music Hall*)	[445]
July 29	Bernie West	92	Actor, screenwriter and director (*All In The Family*, *Maude*, *Three's Company*, *The Jeffersons*)	[446]
	Lorene Yarnell	66	Actress, mime performer, dancer and television personality (*Shields & Yarnell*)	[447]
July 31	Dan Resin	79	Actor (*On Our Own*, *Edge of Night*, *Lovers and Friends*, *Captain Kangaroo*, *Madhouse Brigade*, *Remember WENN*)	[448]
	Mitch Miller	99	Musician, band leader, record executive and television personality (*Sing Along With Mitch*)	[449]
August 8	Patricia Neal	84	Actress (played Olivia Walton in *The Homecoming: A Christmas Story* and as herself in *The Patricia Neal Story*)	[450]
August 9	Ted Stevens	86	Politician (U.S. Senator from Alaska, 1968–2009); member of The United States Senate Committee on	[451]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			Commerce, Science and Transportation, which oversees Communications in the United States, including the television industry, of which he made critical opinions and decisions about during his tenure	
August 10	David L. Wolper	82	Producer (*North and South, Roots, The Thorn Birds* and the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles)	[452]
August 13	Edwin Newman	91	Broadcast journalist, NBC anchor, and author (*Today*, *Meet the Press*)	[453]
August 14	Gloria Winters	78	Actress and author (*Sky King*)	[454]
August 15	James J. Kilpatrick	89	Conservative commentator, journalist, newspaper editor and television personality (*60 Minutes*)	[455]
August 21	Harold Dow	62	Radio and television journalist for CBS News	[456]
September 2	Morgan White	86	Actor and children's television host (Pogo Poge on *Checkers & Pogo* at KGMB-TV/Honolulu and on *Hawaii Five-O*)	[457]
September 5	David Dortort	93	TV producer and screenwriter (*Bonanza, The High Chaparral*)	[458]
September 8	John Kluge	95	German-born television/radio broadcaster and founder/chairman of Metromedia	[459]
September	Harold Gould	86	Character actor (*Rhoda*, *The Mary Tyler Moore*	[460]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
11			Show, The Golden Girls)	
	Kevin McCarthy	96	Character actor (*Flamingo Road*)	[461]
September 17	Marilyn Cantor Baker	89	Screenwriter and actress (*Love, Sidney*)	[462]
September 23	Arthur Holch	86	Emmy Award-winning TV director and producer	[463]
September 25	Art Gilmore	98	Actor and voice actor (*Highway Patrol*)	[464]
September 29	Greg Giraldo	44	Stand-up comedian (*Last Comic Standing*, The Comedy Central Roasts)	[465]
	Tony Curtis	85	Actor (*Some Like It Hot*, *The Defiant Ones*, guest spots on several TV shows, including his only starring series, *McCoy*)	[466]
September 30	Stephen J. Cannell	69	TV creator, screenwriter, director, author, and actor (*The A-Team*, *Riptide*, *The Greatest American Hero*, *Hunter*, *The Rockford Files*, *21 Jump Street*)	[467]
October 16	Barbara Billingsley	94	Actress (June Cleaver on *Leave It to Beaver*, the voice of "Nanny" on *Muppet Babies*)	[468]
October 19	Tom Bosley	83	Actor (Howard Cunningham on *Happy Days*, Sheriff Amos Tupper on *Murder, She Wrote*, twin brothers Frank and Blaine Dowling on *Father Dowling Mysteries*), and voice actor (Harry on *Wait Till Your Father Gets Home* and the title character on *The*	[469]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			World of David the Gnome)	
October 27	Denise Borino-Quinn	46	TV actress and lawyer (*The Sopranos*)	[470]
	James Wall	92	TV actor and stage manager (Mr. Baxter on *Captain Kangaroo*; stage manager for CBS shows including *60 Minutes* and *Face the Nation*)	[471]
October 28	James MacArthur	72	Actor (played Danny "Danno" Williams in the original *Hawaii Five-O*)	[472]
October 30	Arthur Bernard Lewis	84	Producer (*Dallas*)	
November 1	Charlie O'Donnell	78	Announcer (*Wheel of Fortune*, *Bandstand*) and news anchor (KCOP-TV)	[473]
November 4	Julien Hug	35	Reality TV participant and restaurant owner (*The Bachelorette Season 5*)	[474]
	Sparky Anderson	76	Major League Baseball manager (led both the Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers to World Series titles), later a baseball color commentator on TV and radio.	[475]
November 5	Jill Clayburgh	66	Actress (*Ally McBeal*)	[476]
November 10	Dave Niehaus	75	Ford C. Frick Award-winning sportscaster, voice of the Seattle Mariners since the team's inception in	[477]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			1977.	
November 28	Leslie Nielsen	84	Actor and comedian (*The Naked Gun*, *Forbidden Planet*, *The Poseidon Adventure*, and *Airplane!*)	[478]
November 29	Al Masini	80	TV producer (creator of *Entertainment Tonight*, *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, *Solid Gold*, and *Star Search*)	[479]
December 5	Don Meredith	72	NFL player (Dallas Cowboys), later color commentator on *Monday Night Football* and NBC's NFL coverage	[480]
December 14	Neva Patterson	90	Actress (*The Governor and J.J.*, *V: The Original Miniseries*, *V: The Final Battle*)	[481]
December 15	Blake Edwards	88	Producer, director and screenwriter (*Peter Gunn*)	[482]
December 20	Steve Landesberg	74	Actor and comedian (*Barney Miller*)	[483]
December 25	Bud Greenspan	84	Documentarian, screenwriter and sports reporter	[484]
December 26	Teena Marie	54	R&B/Dance singer, songwriter and actress (*The Beverly Hillbillies*; her 1981 song "Square Biz" was re-worked by Marie as the theme for *The Hollywood Squares*)	[485]

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Noteworthy events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	Discovery Health Channel leaves the air and becomes Oprah Winfrey Network, with the former Discovery Health programming split between OWN and FitTV.[1]

	Antenna TV, a digital sub-channel network owned by Tribune Broadcasting, makes its debut. The network, whose programming is dedicated to classic television series and films, launches mainly on stations owned-or-operated by Tribune and Local TV LLC.[2]
	PBS member station KCET/Los Angeles becomes an independent public/educational station. KOCE-TV/Huntington Beach, a secondary PBS affiliate serving nearby Orange County, replaces KCET as the LA market's primary PBS member station, rebranding as PBS SoCal.[3]
	Dish Network and Frontier Radio Management fail to reach a new carriage agreement, leaving Macon customers without both ABC and Fox, where both networks come from WGXA.[4]
	DirecTV removes the stations of Northwest Broadcasting due to a carriage dispute.[5] The sides reach a temporary deal on February 1, in time for Super Bowl XLV.[6]
	Comedy Central retires the skyscraper-and-globe-themed logo, which it used in one form or another since its 1991 debut, and adopts a new logo mark featuring two "C"'s (which resemble a copyright symbol), with one of them and the word "Central" turned upside-down.[7]
3	The Second Circuit Court of Appeals throws out a fine the FCC levied against ABC for a 2003 episode of *NYPD Blue* in which Charlotte Ross' character was viewed with a bare back.[8]
	ESPN fires play-by-play announcer Ron Franklin for making derogatory remarks to colleague Jeannine Edwards during prep work for a December 31, 2010 telecast of the Chick-fil-A Bowl. Prior to the firing, Franklin was pulled from ESPN Radio's January 1 coverage of the Fiesta Bowl over the incident.[9]
7	History announces that its first scripted miniseries, *The Kennedys*, will not air on the network, with a spokesperson stating, "This dramatic interpretation is not a fit for the History brand."[10] The content of the 8-part multimillion-dollar project (produced in Canada in partnership with History's Canadian counterpart, History Television) had been the source of controversy; various sources claimed inaccuracies in the script,[11][12][13] while the miniseries' director and production company countered that History officials gave approval on the final draft script and final cuts before dropping their broadcast plans.[14][15] The producers would then begin shopping the production around to other networks, and on February 1 reached a deal with ReelzChannel, which would air the miniseries in April (this after Showtime, Starz, FX,

	and Audience Network took a pass).[16][17]
	Both Joan and Melissa Rivers announce that they will no longer do red carpet specials.[18]
15	After a lengthy dispute and two deadline extensions, Sinclair Broadcast Group and Time Warner Cable reach an agreement in principle to keep 28 Sinclair-owned-or-operated stations in 17 markets on Time Warner cable TV systems.[19] A more formal agreement would be announced on February 2, which includes plans for TWC to produce newscasts for Sinclair's ABC affiliate in the Greensboro market, WXLV-TV, beginning in 2012.[20]
17	Citing lack of air time, Marissa Jaret Winokur announces she will leave CBs' daytime series *The Talk*.[21]
	Piers Morgan Tonight, the replacement for the long-running *Larry King Live*, debuts on CNN, with Oprah Winfrey as Morgan's first guest.[22]
18	Turner Broadcasting System announces it will turn over day-to-day control of its Atlanta station WPCH-TV to Meredith Corporation, who will operate the station through its CBS affiliate WGCL-TV. Additionally, production for Atlanta Braves broadcasts on WPCH (45 per year) will be handled by cable rights-holders Fox Sports South and SportSouth, making 2011 the first Braves season since 1972 in which Turner Sports will not produce local Braves telecasts.[23][24]
	After a lengthy review process, the FCC and Department of Justice approve (with conditions) Comcast's purchase of a controlling share of NBC Universal.[25] The deal officially closes before midnight on January 28, with Comcast owning 51% of NBCU and General Electric 49%.[26] GE completed a purchase of Vivendi's 12.3% share of NBCU on January 26.[27]
20	Houston PBS outlet KUHT announces that they will merge their operations with its FM sister station to become Houston Public Media.[28]
	The American version of *Skins* premieres on MTV. The series' controversial content prompts the Parents Television Council to ask the show's producers be charged with child pornography and exploitation, alleging a violation of 18 USC 1466A.[29] The controversy also leads major advertisers to pull their advertising from the program, among them Taco Bell, Wrigley Company, General Motors, Subway, H&R Block and Schick.[30][31][32] MTV would

	cancel the show in June after one season.[33]
21	*Countdown with Keith Olbermann* airs for the final time on MSNBC after its titular host abruptly departs the network.[34]
25	U.S. President Barack Obama delivers his second State of the Union Address, which is followed by not one but two opposition responses: the official Republican Party rebuttal from Congressman Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin 1st) and a Tea Party response by Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minnesota 6th). CNN is the only major network to carry Bachmann's response live, during which she does not speak directly to the TV camera.[35]
28	CBS announced that *Two and a Half Men* would go on a production hiatus after series star Charlie Sheen is admitted into a rehabilitation center, one day after his hospitalization for a hernia condition.[36]

February[edit]

Date	Event
1	FitTV rebrands as Discovery Fit & Health, reflecting the migration of programming from the former Discovery Health Channel since that network's conversion to OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network exactly one month earlier.[37]
2	Several American reporters are attacked during the protests in Egypt: Anderson Cooper is kicked and punched, Katie Couric gets rocks thrown at her, and several others are harassed, held or beaten by the angry mobs.[38]
3	After ten weeks, Comcast SportsNet California and Dish Network end their carriage dispute, and the regional sports network is returned to the satellite provider.[39]
	Una Vez Mas purchases two Texas stations from the bankrupt Johnson Broadcasting, KNWS/Houston and KLDT/Dallas. The stations' call signs are respectively changed to KYAZ and KAZD, and their affiliations also change to Azteca America.[40]
6	The Green Bay Packers's 31–25 defeat of the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV attracts

	111 million viewers, making the Fox broadcast the most-watched program in American TV history, surpassing the previous record of 106.5 million viewers for Super Bowl XLIV one year earlier.[41]
8	Current TV announces that Keith Olbermann will join the network as the its Chief News Officer and will have an equity stake in the network's parent company, Current Media. Olbermann will also anchor and executive produce a nighttime broadcast for the network. That show, which would start on June 20, bears the same name as his former MSNBC show, *Countdown*.[42]
11	Fox Entertainment Group announces that its MyNetwork TV service has been renewed for three more years, through 2014.[43]
13	Sony, IMAX and Discovery Communications launch 3net, a new 3DTV channel.[44]
14	Disney Channel's daily morning program block for preschoolers, Playhouse Disney, rebrands as Disney Junior, part of the network's plan to establish Disney Junior as a stand-alone network in 2012 (replacing SOAPNet).[45]
	ESPN 3D is upgraded to a 24-hour channel.[46]
	Time Warner Cable announces the formation of two new Southern California-based regional sports networks named TWC SportsNet and TWC Deportes (one in English, one in Spanish) that will launch in 2012. The networks will serve as exclusive local TV homes of basketball's Los Angeles Lakers for 20 years beginning with the 2012–2013 NBA season.[47]
14–16	The Watson supercomputer built by IBM competes on the game show *Jeopardy!* and defeats two well-known *Jeopardy!* champions, Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter.[48]
20	Xfinity 3D, a Comcast-owned 24-hour 3DTV channel, commences programming with coverage of the 2011 Heritage Classic.[49]
22	NBC announces deals to broadcast all three races in the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing—the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes—through 2015. The deals reunite all three Triple Crown races on NBC for the first time since 2005, and will also include coverage on Versus of the races' Friday and Saturday undercards, including

	the Kentucky Oaks and Black-Eyed Susan Stakes. (ABC had aired the Belmont since 2006, while the undercards had aired on ESPN for several years.)[50]
23–24	A unique daytime-primetime crossover airs involving ABC's *All My Children* and TV Land's *Hot in Cleveland*: the premise involves Wendie Malick's *Cleveland* character, Victoria Chase, landing a bit role on *AMC* as a housekeeper. Malick (as Victoria) appears on the *AMC* broadcast of the 24th; *AMC* castmembers Susan Lucci, Darnell Williams and Michael E. Knight appear on *Cleveland's* episode of the 23rd.[51]
24	Following a series of angry public rants by star Charlie Sheen, including comments directed at his employers, CBS and Warner Bros. announce that production on *Two and a Half Men* will be canceled for the remainder of the season.[52]
25	CNN announces that *Parker Spitzer* co-host Kathleen Parker will leave the show to concentrate on writing her syndicated news column (though she will continue to be a CNN contributor). On February 28, the show is revamped and retitled *In the Arena*, with sole host Eliot Spitzer presiding over roundtable discussions with journalists and contributors.[53]
26	The seventh season of Game Show Network's *High Stakes Poker* premieres, with a 3D television simulcast on N3D, the first for a serial program.[54]

March[edit]

Date	Event
3	Portsmouth, NH-based Carlisle One Media, Inc. announces an agreement to purchase WZMY-TV/Derry, New Hampshire from ShootingStar Broadcasting of New England.[55] The deal for the MyNetworkTV and Universal Sports station, which is operated by New Age Media, would close in May, when the station changes call sign to WBIN-TV.[56]
4	Twenty-seven stations owned and operated by LIN TV Corporation that serve 17 markets vanish from Dish Network at midnight after the two companies fail to reach a retransmission consent deal. The stations are restored by March 13, when the companies reach a new deal.[57]
7	After a week of interviews in which he continues criticizing his employers, but also appears at

	times rambling and incoherent, Charlie Sheen is officially fired from *Two and a Half Men*.[52]
14	Aflac fires Gilbert Gottfried as the voice of its Aflac Duck after his comments on Twitter about the earthquake and tsunami in Japan three days prior are deemed insensitive by the press.[58]
15	The 2011 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament begins play, as does a multi-year broadcast partnership with CBS Sports and Turner Sports that will allow, for the first time, nationwide broadcasts of all tournament games in their entirety on CBS, TBS, TNT, and TruTV (it's the first sports programming for the latter network, which is known for true crime and reality programming).[59]
18	Netflix announces a deal with Media Rights Capital for North American distribution of the original drama series *House of Cards*, which will premiere on the online and video distribution service in late 2012.[60] It is Netflix's first announced foray into distributing original episodic content. (*Lilyhammer* would be Netflix's first original show, debuting in February 2012.)
	As part of an effort to end state funding of South Carolina ETV and turn over operations to private interests, South Carolina Republican Governor Nikki Haley replaces the entire board of directors that oversee the radio/TV network.[61]
19	Tribune-owned CW affiliate KIAH/Houston converts its hour-long 5 and 9 p.m. evening newscasts to *NewsFix*, a new format that de-emphasizes the traditional use of anchors and reporters, uses voiceover narration (by local radio personality Greg Onofrio) for continuity, and emphasizes visual storytelling, including graphics and camerawork.[62]
22	A court-appointed receiver approves the sale of insolvent WLNE-TV/New Bedford, Massachusetts to Citadel Communications. Citadel, whose purchase attempt gained the approval of ABC (of which WLNE is an affiliate), close on the sale on June 1.[63][64]
25	Amanda Knox, an American woman who was appealing her conviction of the 2007 murder of her roommate in Italy, filed an injunction to block a television film based on her case from airing on Italian television, claiming the movie (which premiered in the U.S. on Lifetime on February 22) left her "exploited" and "very disturbed." Knox also sought to block the film from running on the internet. YouTube has obliged by removing clips of and references to the movie from its website.[65] On October 4, an Italian jury overturned her conviction and Knox was freed. As a result, Lifetime announced that it will alter the TV movie to reflect the outcome.[66]

28	*BBC World News America* moves from BBC America to sister network BBC World News and is shortened from 60 to 30 minutes. The move is part of an effort to expand BBC News' U.S. operations (including efforts to increase cable/satellite carriage of BBC World News in the U.S.), as well as to more clearly define BBC America as an entertainment channel (content from BBC World News still airs on BBC America during the early morning hours, while *WNA* still airs on several public television stations).[67]
29	AMC announces that the new season of *Mad Men*, its fifth, will be delayed into early 2012, the side effect of ongoing contract negotiations between AMC, Lions Gate Entertainment, and series creator/producer Matthew Weiner. Weiner would ink a deal to continue as *Mad Men* showrunner on March 31.[68]
30	Avoiding a blackout, LIN TV Corporation reaches a retransmission deal with cable provider Cox Communications, covering 9 LIN stations in 5 markets.[69]
31	New York City-based regional sports network SNY announces they are in a carriage dispute with Dish Network.[70] The dispute comes to light the same day as the 2011 Major League Baseball season commences play (SNY is the cable home of the New York Mets). SNY was later removed from Dish Network,[71]prompting SNY to take out ads attacking the satellite TV company, and encouraging their customers to switch providers.[72]
	Another New York City based regional sports network YES Network (cable home of the New York Yankees and New Jersey Nets) informed DirecTV customers of a carriage dispute, which would have resulted in a loss of the channel beginning April 2.[70] After a week of good faith negotiations and a temporary agreement that allowed the channel to remain on DirecTV for another six days,[73] a new long-term carriage agreement was reached on April 7 with no interruption of service.[74]
	Time Warner Cable removes 12 cable networks owned by Discovery Communications, Fox Cable Networks and Viacom from its iPad streaming video app after the companies complain their addition on the app was a violation of their distribution agreements with TWC. Animal Planet, FX, and MTV are among the networks removed from the app.[75] The next day it replaces them with 17 new channels, among them those owned by The Walt Disney Company, NBC Universal, and AMC Networks.[76]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	Four Fox Sports Net-affiliated regional sports networks serving Pittsburgh, the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountains and Utah, adopt a new branding, Root Sports. The networks, all owned by DirecTV Sports Networks, continue programming relationships with FSN as well as their own local team contracts.[77]
	Citing the station's lack of financial viability, the owners of Orlando PBS affiliate WMFE-TV announce that the station will be sold. The buyer is religious broadcaster Daystar, who plans to eventually WMFE to a Daystar station upon FCC approval.[78][79]
	SJL Broadcasting completes its reacquisition of WJRT-TV/Flint and WTVG/Toledo from ABC.[80]
2	Elton John hosts *Saturday Night Live* and is the musical guest as well. It was John's first appearance on the NBC show in almost 30 years.[81]
4	In an effort to expand its programming beyond college athletics, CBS College Sports Network rebrands as CBS Sports Network.[82]
	Cablevision unveils its own iPad app, featuring 300 live channels streaming over its own proprietary Advanced Digital Cable network.[83] In response, YES Network claims its inclusion on the app is a violation of their distribution agreement.[84] Viacom files a similar complaint on April 7.[85]
5	Dish Network buys bankrupt video rental chain Blockbuster Inc. for $320 million at auction.[86]
6	Fox News Channel and Glenn Beck announce that Beck's self-titled show will end later in the year (June 30 would be its final airing), although Beck plans to develop new content for the network.[87][88]
7	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces its purchase of CBS affiliates WFRV-TV/Green Bay and WJMN-TV/Marquette, a deal that would close on July 2. It also reveals its intentions

	for a separate local newscast on the latter station, which currently simulcasts news from the former.[89]
	WWE announces its plans to launch its own 24-hour cable channel in 2012.[90]
11	Hearst Corporation announces it will purchase a stake in reality producer Mark Burnett's eponymous production company.[91]
14	ABC announces the cancellation of two of its long-running daytime dramas—*All My Children*, which will end its 41-year run in September, and *One Life to Live*, whose 43-year run will end in January 2012. Both shows will be replaced by lifestyle and talk programming.[92] The moves will leave *General Hospital* as ABC's last remaining daytime drama.
	Cellular phone company Verizon Wireless announces it will phase out its famous "Can You Hear Me Now?" campaign. The catchphrase had been uttered on Verizon commercials since 2002 by the "Verizon Test Guy" (actor Paul Marcarelli), who last appeared in February promos for Verizon's iPhone 4.[93]
	The studios of WDIV-TV/Detroit are evacuated after a suspicious package is left in the station foyer. Though no explosives are discovered, the scare forces the station's 11 p.m. newscast to be delayed by 15 minutes.[94]
18	In protest over ABC's cancellation of *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*, floor care company Hoover announces it will pull all advertising from the network as of April 22 and start a campaign to save both shows.[95]
	GSN, ESPN, and Fox Sports Net begin to pare down or cancel airings of poker broadcasts and poker website advertising in the wake of *United States v. Scheinberg*, in which websites Full Tilt Poker and PokerStars are seized by federal authorities. ESPN and FSN would pull broadcasts of PokerStars-sponsored events, while GSN would reduce the number of weekly airings of *High Stakes Poker*, airing them without any mentions of poker website sponsorship.[96][97]
	George Gray, former host of the syndicated version of *The Weakest Link*, officially becomes the fourth announcer of CBs' *The Price Is Right*.[98][*unreliable source?*]

19	NBC Sports and the National Hockey League reach a new 10-year broadcast deal, running through the 2020–2021 season. The new deal will include national broadcasts of all Stanley Cup playoff games on NBC or sister channel Versus.[99]
20	20th Television announces that it will develop a new talk show for Ricki Lake, which will debut in September 2012.[100]
	Dave Willis announces that after 10 years on air, the title *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*, the longest running series on Cartoon Network's program block Adult Swim, would officially be changed to *Aqua Unit Patrol Squad 1*. The first official episode of the series to premiere as an *Aqua Unit Patrol Squad 1* eventually aired on May 8, 2011.[101]
21	DirecTV launches its Home Premiere pay-per-view service, which allows subscribers to watch movies only 60 days after their theatrical release at a price of $29.99 each.[102]
25	Public broadcasting station KCET/Los Angeles, beset by drops in ratings and revenues after disaffiliating with PBS, announces it will sell its longtime Sunset Boulevard studios to the Church of Scientology.[103] In June, KCET would announce plans to move to a smaller studio in suburban Burbank by April 2012.[104]
27	NBC affiliate WALB in Albany, Georgia begins airing ABC programming on WALB-DT2, marking ABC's first full-time affiliate in Albany since the demise of WVGA (now CBS affiliate WSWG) in 1992.[105]
28	The CW names Mark Pedowitz as its new president, replacing Dawn Ostroff, who will leave the network at the end of May.[106]
	In a "supersized" episode (from 30 to 50 minutes), Steve Carell makes his last appearance as a regular on *The Office*.[107]
29	An estimated 22.8 million viewers in 18.6 million American households watch live coverage from Great Britain of the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, which airs in the U.S. at 6 a.m. (EDT).[108]

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	In an interview with *60 Minutes* colleague Scott Pelley, CBS' Lara Logan recounts her sexual assault by male protestors in Cairo's Tahrir Square while covering the Egyptian protests the previous February.[109]
	A special crossover storyline involving *Family Guy*, *The Cleveland Show* and *American Dad!* is pulled by Fox in the wake of a recent series of devastating storms and tornadoes that destroyed portions of the Southeastern United States. The planned episodes had the characters in all three shows bracing for a hurricane that was headed their way. The episodes later aired October 2, 2011.[110]
	The major networks break into prime time programming to report the killing of Osama bin Laden by U.S. forces in Pakistan, which is confirmed by a late night (11:30PM ET) address from the White House by President Obama.[111]
2	Dish Network and EchoStar announce that it will pay TiVo $500 million to settle their seven-year-long patent infringement battle over DVR technology used by Dish.[112]
3	An estimate released by Nielsen indicates that the number of households with television sets will decrease in 2012 for the first time in 20 years.[113]
4	The soon-to-be Pac-12 Conference announces a broadcast deal with ESPN and Fox Sports that goes into effect in 2012. The agreement will feature game broadcasts on ESPN's and Fox's sister networks (including ABC and FX), as well as their sharing broadcast duties for the conference's football and men's basketball championships on an alternating basis.[114]
5	Judy McGrath announces her resignation as chairman/CEO of MTV Networks.[115]
	Fox News Channel ends the contracts of two of its political contributors, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum. Both men, who were suspended by Fox on March 2, failed to meet a network-imposed May 1 deadline for their decisions on not running for President. (Gingrich would formally declare his candidacy on May 11, Santorum on June 6.)[116]

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19	After failing to reach a new contract with owner Comcast, Dick Ebersol announces his resignation as chairman of NBC Sports after 22 years, with Mark Lazarus, who heads NBC Sports Cable Group, being tapped to replace Ebersol.[131] (Ebersol's second-in-command, NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer, would announce his retirement one week later on May 26, effective at the end of summer.)[132]
	Katie Couric ended her less-than-five-year tenure as anchor of the *CBS Evening News*.[133]
20	After 29 years, Mary Hart anchors *Entertainment Tonight* for the final time.[134]
22	During a coverage of a tornado, Rockford, Illinois station WREX is hit by one.
24	ACME Communications announces it has completed the sale of 3 of its stations: WBXX-TV/Knoxville (to Lockwood Broadcasting Group), WCWF/Green Bay (to LIN TV Corporation), and WBDT/Dayton (to WBDT Television, LLC, which will have LIN TV operate the station).[135]
	ABC announces that it will turn over its Saturday morning kids' programming block to Litton Entertainment, who will launch a new lineup billed as *Litton's Weekend Adventure* on September 3.[136]
	Nancy Grace steps down as host of *Swift Justice with Nancy Grace* to remain in Atlanta and continue with her eponymous HLN show. Former Las Vegas judge Jackie Glass will take over as host for the show's second season, which will relocate from Atlanta to Los Angeles.[137]
25	After 25 years in syndication, Oprah Winfrey hosts the final original episode of her eponymous program, a guest-free retrospective and "thank you" to her viewers.[138]
	MSNBC talk host Ed Schultz takes a one-week unpaid leave from his MSNBC primetime show for comments directed at conservative commentator Laura Ingraham on his syndicated radio program the previous day, in which Schultz twice referred to Ingraham as a "slut".[139] Schultz addresses the remarks and makes an on-air apology to Ingraham during the opening four minutes of this evening's broadcast, after which he turns it over to MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts and begins his leave.[140] Schultz returned as host of his primetime program on June 6.
26	The University of Central Florida's Board of Trustees approves a TV partnership with Brevard

	Community College, operator of WBCC/Cocoa, Florida. The partnership, which will be branded as WUCF-TV, will become Orlando's full-time PBS affiliate on July 1, when WMFE-TV disaffiliates from PBS and moves up V-me from a subchannel to its main channel while Daystar awaits FCC approval of its purchase of WMFE.[79]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	DirecTV rebrands The 101 Network as Audience Network.[141]
6	ABC announces it has signed Katie Couric to host an eponymous daytime talk show that will be distributed by the network's syndication arm and premiere in September 6, 2012. At that time, ABC is expected to turn over the 3-4PM (ET/PT) hour of its daytime network schedule back to its affiliates (*General Hospital* currently airs in that time slot, and its future after September 2012 has yet to be determined). Also as part of the deal, Couric will contribute to ABC News programming.[142][143]
	Fox confirms that Cheryl Cole has been dropped as a judge on *The X Factor*. Nicole Scherzinger, who was originally tapped to co-host the show with Steve Jones, will fill Cole's void on the judging panel alongside Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell, and L.A. Reid (Jones will remain as solo host).[144]
	Scott Pelley takes over as anchor of the *CBS Evening News*.[145]
	Jim Lehrer steps down as a regular anchor of *PBS NewsHour* after 36 years, although he continues to make contributions to the program.[146]
7	NBCUniversal outbids ESPN/ABC and Fox to retain rights to air the Olympic Games through 2020. The deal between NBC and the International Olympic Committee is valued at $4.38 billion.[147]
8	Meredith Vieira anchors her final broadcast of *Today* after five years. Ann Curry, the NBC show's newsreader since 1997, moves into the co-host role with Matt Lauer the following day.[148]

	Science Channel rebrands with a new logo, graphics, and name, going as simply "Science."[149]
13	NBC affiliate KSL-TV/Salt Lake City announced that it would not air the drama *The Playboy Club* when it premieres in September, citing the station's policy to screen content its audience may find objectionable (KSL's parent company, Bonneville International, is owned by the The LDS Church).[150] The show will air instead on the market's MyNetworkTV station, KMYU/St. George, and its Salt Lake City simulcast, KUTV-DT2.[151] NBC later canceled the series after airing only three episodes.[152]
	Comcast SportsNet Bay Area began providing daily sports reports for KNTV/San Jose, California. It is the first instance since Comcast's takeover of NBCUniversal that a Comcast regional sports network provides sportscasts for a NBC O&O in the same market (CSN-produced broadcasts of San Francisco Giants games have aired on KNTV since 2008).[153]
15	NBC's broadcast of Game 7 of the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals, in which the Boston Bruins defeat the Vancouver Canucks to win their first Stanley Cup in 39 years, was watched by 8.5 million viewers, the largest audience for a NHL game in the U.S. since 1973.[154]
20	NBC issued an apology for running an opening montage during its U.S. Open broadcast the previous day that featured a partially redacted recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.[155]
	Citing a Major League Baseball rule that forbids franchises to borrow on future assets in order to pay current bills, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig rejects a proposed local TV contract between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Fox Sports Net's Prime Ticket.[156] As a result, the Dodgers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy a week later.[157] (Dodgers owner Frank McCourt had been in a protracted divorce case, the settlement of which was contingent on MLB's approval of the team's deal with Fox.)
23	Viacom sues Cablevision over the latter company's iPad app, claiming it is in violation of their distribution agreement.[158]
24	The State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs issues a 15-year cable franchise license to Hawaiian Telcom, thus ending Oceanic Time Warner's 35-year monopoly as the state's sole cable TV provider.[159] Hawaiian Telcom launched the service on July 1, after a year of testing in the Honolulu area, with statewide expansion to start in 2012.[160]

27	New Moon Communications, a minority-owned broadcasting company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, announces it will acquire four LPTV stations, all of them former TBN affiliates, from The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council. The stations—WDON/Dothan, Alabama, WZMC/Jackson, Tennessee, KJNE/Jonesboro, Arkansas and KUMK/Ottumwa, Iowa—were slated for NBC affiliation starting in September, but eventually were either sold off or never had digital facilities built out and their licenses canceled.[161] Of the four, only WDON ever came to air as an NBC affiliate, after being sold to Gray Television and becoming WRGX-LD.
30	Five months after joining Univision as its Executive Vice President and COO,[162] Randy Falco is promoted to the President and CEO positions at the network.[163]
	MSNBC analyst Mark Halperin calls President Obama a "dick" during a live broadcast of *Morning Joe*. Halperin warned he was about to use the vulgarity and asked for a 7-second delay so it could be censored, but the show's new executive producer didn't know how to do so and the profanity was aired uncensored. Though Halperin would issue an on-air apology, he would be suspended by the network.[164]

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	Control of public television's New Jersey Network shifts from the State of New Jersey to a subsidiary of WNET/New York City, which rebrands the stations as NJTV while the state retains the stations' licenses.[165] The changeover comes 4 days after the New Jersey Senate, by one vote, fails to block the plan.[166]
	Cablevision completes its spinoff of Rainbow Media, changing its name to the publicly held company AMC Networks.[167] On the same day, the new company shuts down Wedding Central.[168]
3	NBC airs Wimbledon for the 43rd and final time, with the network stating later in the day that they have been outbid for future US broadcast rights to the annual British tennis tournament.[169] The winning bidder would be ESPN, who has carried early round coverage since 2003 and will carry all rounds exclusively (and live to all time zones) until 2023.[170]
4	OTA Broadcasting wins the bankrupt independent station KFFV/Seattle from North Pacific

	International Television, Inc., with a bid of $5.2 million in auction.[171]
6	NBC transferred the ownership of one of its three O&Os in Los Angeles, Spanish-language independent station KWHY-TV, to local businessman Alex Meruelo, who had acquired the station for $43 million in January. The station became a MundoFox affiliate in 2012.[172]
7	Media/production company Prospect Park announces it has picked up the license to produce and air new episodes of *All My Children* and *One Life to Live* on an in-development website similar to Hulu after the shows conclude their runs on ABC.[173] Prospect Park would be unable to reach deals with all parties involved (from actors to financial backing), and by November 23 would announce it would shut down production development on both soaps,[174] thus preventing both from being the first of the genre to transfer their first-run broadcasts from conventional TV to online broadcasting.
	The Philadelphia-based 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals rules in favor of the Federal Communications Commission over their 2008 decision to keep the cross-ownership rules for TV/radio stations as it is. The ruling also includes keeping current limits on local ownership rules, including the "sub-caps" for AM and FM stations, and that the Commission was correct in not counting HD Radio simulcasts against the ownership limits.[175]
9	Nickelodeon's *The Fairly OddParents* marks its ten-year anniversary with a live-action adaptation of the popular cartoon called *A Fairly Odd Movie: Grow Up, Timmy Turner*. The direct-to-TV movie stars *Drake and Josh* star Drake Bell as Timmy Turner.[176]
11	Bahakel Communications announces its purchase (subject to FCC approval) of Montgomery's CW affiliate, WBMM, from SagamoreHill Broadcasting, as well as a shared services agreement to operate SagamoreHill's ABC affiliate, WNCF. Both stations will be operated through Bahakel's CBS affiliate, WAKA.[177]
	Law & Order: LA airs its series finale on NBC,[178] leaving the network's *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* as the last remaining show in the *Law & Order* franchise.
17	The United States women's national soccer team's shootout loss to Japan in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Final gives ESPN its highest ratings ever for a soccer telecast, with an average of nearly 13.5 million viewers.[179]

18	Citing fatigue in the position and difficulty with boxing broadcast negotiations, Ross Greenburg announces he will leave as president of HBO Sports after 11 years in the position and 33 years with the network.[180]
20	After a six-month stint as a fill-in for MSNBC's 6 pm timeslot, *The Young Turks'* Cenk Uygur turns down a deal to sign with the network and parts ways.[181]Al Sharpton, who took his spot and saw the ratings for his appearance increased, took over the hour on a permanent basis and was later given his own show called *PoliticsNation*, which premiered August 29.[182]
21	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces that it will put all of its 65 television stations, including 15 stations operated by Mission Broadcasting, up for sale.[183]
25	Nickelodeon launches a block of reruns of its 1990s programming to cater to its twentysomething viewers. Dubbed *The '90s Are All That*, the block airs on its older-skewing sister channel, TeenNick.
26	The Parents Television Council sends letters to all NBC affiliates urging them to not air the new series *The Playboy Club*.[184] NBC later canceled the series after airing only three episodes.[152]
27	Both MSNBC and host Rachel Maddow are sued by conservative preacher-musician Bradlee Dean (the founder of the religious group You Can Run But You Cannot Hide International) for $50 million in damages, claiming that Maddow took his comments that homosexuals should be executed in accordance with Islamic Sharia law out of context during a segment on her show in 2010, despite a disclaimer about his personal views (including a posted retraction by Dean about the statement) made by Maddow. MSNBC has stated that Dean's lawsuit has no merit.[185]
	The Pac-12 Conference announces it will launch a group of one national and six regional networks dedicated to airing sporting events featuring the conference's schools. The networks are set to debut in August 2012.[186]
28	Una Vez Mas acquires KFTY/Santa Rosa, California from High Plains Broadcasting (operated through a joint sales agreement with Newport Television) for $5.2 million.[187] By September 29, the station will end 39-years as an English-language independent station (and 3 months with MeTV) and become the San Francisco Bay Area's Azteca America affiliate (under the new call sign KEMO-TV).

31	Johnathan A. Rodgers steps down as president and CEO of TV One.[188] Wonya Lucas replaces him.[189]

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	Starz Entertainment makes several changes and additions to its Encore premium multiplex service: an eighth channel, Encore Español, launches as a Spanish-language simulcast of the primary Encore channel; Encore Mystery and Encore WAM are rebranded as Encore Suspense and Encore Family respectively; and high definition feeds of Encore Action and Encore Drama launch. Additionally, MoviePlex discontinues its rotating daily simulcasts of programming from Encore's multiplex channels and becomes a standalone channel.[190] On this date and August 2, Encore aired its first original programming: the mini-series *Moby Dick*.[191] Additional original programs scheduled for Encore this year are the mini-series *The Take*[191] and the documentary *Method to the Madness of Jerry Lewis*.[192]
	The Fox affiliation in Fort Wayne, Indiana moves from WFFT-TV to WISE-DT2, a subchannel of Fort Wayne's NBC affiliate that retains secondary affiliation with MyNetworkTV.[193] WFFT-TV becomes an independent station, which was its status from its 1977 launch until joining Fox in 1986.[194] The swap occurs 6 days after WFFT owner Nexstar, which had been going through a falling out with Fox in several of its markets, files a federal antitrust lawsuit against WISE owner Granite Broadcasting over Granite's monopolization of operating 2 TV stations with 4 network affiliations in the Fort Wayne market (Granite operates, through an LMA, ABC/CW affiliate WPTA, which is owned by Malara Broadcasting).[195]
	MTV celebrates the 30th anniversary of its launch. Sister network VH1 Classic joins in by airing the channel's original first hour (including the original commercials and technical difficulties) in addition to some of the network's most memorable shows and moments throughout the weekend.[196]
	PBS announces that it is launching a PBS-branded channel in the United Kingdom in November.[197][198]
	Comcast and NBCUniversal announce that Versus will be rebranded as NBC Sports Network on January 2, 2012.[199]

4	Comcast sues DirecTV for false advertising for ads that claim its exclusive out of market sports package NFL Sunday Ticket is now free for new customers.[200] Comcast dropped the case on August 19 after DirecTV altered the ads to remove the word "free".[201]
8	Verizon Communications accuses striking workers of vandalizing its systems.[202]
10	Major League Soccer announced a three-year deal, effective in 2012, with NBC Sports that will see MLS regular season and playoff games, as well as United States men's national soccer team games, carried by NBC and NBC Sports Network.[203] The deal will replace MLS' relationship with Fox Soccer and Fox Deportes that dates back to 2003 (deals with ESPN and Univision will remain in place).
12	Cinemax, the Time Warner-owned premium cable channel known for running mainstream feature films and late night adult programming under the "Max After Dark" banner, expands its original programming into mainstream content[204] with the U.S. launch of the primetime British action series *Strike Back* (the series, which will be aired in the United States for the first time, originally debuted on Sky1 in the U.K. in 2010, with first-run episodes set to air on Cinemax being from the second season).[205] Additional action series *Transporter: The Series*,[206] *The Sector*,[207] *Banshee*,[208] and *Sandbox*[209] are in production and are scheduled to premiere in 2012. Earlier in the month on August 1, the channel retired its logos that have been used since 1997 (the logo in use at the time, a modification of the 1997 version, dates back to 2008), changing to a new ones with a different font and color scheme.
13	Fox Soccer Channel renamed Fox Soccer.
15	Fox will begin next-day streaming of its shows to paying customers of approved cable and satellite distributors. People who want to see the episodes the following day for free on Hulu will have to wait eight days after the first-run telecasts.[210]
	NBCUniversal rebrands its crime-and-mystery-oriented channel Sleuth as Cloo. The reason for the unusual spelling is to allow the company to own the trademark, as Hasbro owns the trademark rights to the name with their board game Clue. The newly branded channel launched its first original program, the non-fictional murder investigation series *Killer Instinct*, on September 17, 2011.[211]
	Time Warner Cable announces it will buy out Insight Communications for $3 billion.[212]

17	Christine O'Donnell becomes the first guest to walk out on *Piers Morgan Tonight* after the host asked her questions on her views on same-sex marriage, which she thought were rude.[213]
18	CBS announces that both Holly Robinson Peete and Leah Remini will no longer be co-hosts of *The Talk* when the second season starts.[214] Kris Jenner has been tapped as a temporary co-host while comedian Sheryl Underwood is expected to be a permanent regular.[215]
19	Bravo announces it will reedit the upcoming season of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* after Russell Armstrong, husband of Taylor Armstrong, is found dead from an apparent suicide. The couple was reportedly having marital problems.[216]
26	Longhorn Network, a 24-hour cable channel dedicated to the University of Texas at Austin launches,[217] with Verizon FiOS as the only major provider to reach a carriage deal.[218]
27	ABC Kids ends
29	Univision-owned WUVC-DT/Raleigh premieres a weeknight half-hour 6 p.m. newscast, titled *Noticias 40*. It is the first Spanish-language local newscast in the state of North Carolina.[219]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	Mediacom fails to reach a new carriage agreement with LIN Media, resulting in LIN stations in Mobile, Alabama, Pensacola, Florida, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Fort Wayne, Terre Haute and Lafayette, Indiana being removed from Mediacom systems.[220] The signals would be restored by October 15, when the two sides reach a retransmission agreement.[221]
4	Tennis Channel removes its signal from Cablevision and Verizon FiOS due to carriage disputes with both providers.[222]
	Major changes take place on the *MDA Labor Day Telethon*: The show is shortened to six

	hours (less than ⅓ its previous length), airs live only on the East Coast, and abandons its nominal and traditional carryover to Labor Day (instead airing only on this date). It also does not include any live appearance by Jerry Lewis, the telethon's founder and host since its inception, although a tribute to him is featured in the telecast's opening and closing segments (Lewis was "released" from his post at the Muscular Dystrophy Association on August 3).[223]
8	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces its acquisition of 7 TV stations from Four Points Media Group for $200 million, a deal that closes the first week of January 2012. The stations involved in the transaction are KUTV and KMYU/Salt Lake City, KEYE/Austin, WTVX, WWHB and WTCN/West Palm Beach, and WLWC/Providence. The deal brings Sinclair into these four TV markets for the first time.[224][225]
	The same day the 2011 NFL regular season kicks off, ESPN extends its contract for *Monday Night Football* for another eight seasons, giving it rights to the broadcasts until 2021. The new deal, valued between $14.2 billion and $15.2 billion, also gives them rights to expanded highlights, international and digital rights, and possibly a Wildcard game.[226] The deal also draws rebukes from cable operators over the its cost and the likelihood of an increase in ESPN's already record-high retransmission consent fees.[227]
	After his original date (September 7) is turned down by House leadership, President Barack Obama delivers a speech on jobs to the United States Congress on this date. The speech is delivered at an unusual time for a Presidential speech to Congress: the prime time "access" slot of 7PM (ET), so as to avoid potential conflict with the NFL's season opener between New Orleans and Green Bay. The President's speech finishes well before the game's start time of 8:30PM (ET).[228][229]
11	Broadcast and cable networks air programming to mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Notable programs include live coverage of the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial on the site of the World Trade Center in New York City plus memorial services at The Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania,[230] and the real-time airing of the documentary *102 Minutes That Changed America* across A&E Television Networks at 8:46 a.m. EDT.[231]
12	Seeking to expand the network's coverage and possibly add HD content, NBC Sports announces it will move its Universal Sports from an over-the-air digital multicast network to a cable/satellite network, beginning in early 2012.[232] DirecTV already offers the channel on its national lineup.
	Wichita CBS affiliate KWCH begins producing half-hour 4 and 9 p.m. newscasts

	for CW affiliate KSCW (both stations are owned by Schurz Communications). The latter KSCW newscasts will compete with an existing 9 p.m. newscast KWCH produces for Fox affiliate KSAS-TV, owned by Newport Television, since 2004 (KSAS' news share arrangement with KWCH will expire at the end of the year). As a result, KWCH will become the first U.S. television station to simultaneously produce newscasts for four stations in the same market (in addition to its own newscasts and the outsourced news programs for KSCW and KSAS, it also produces a newscast for Univision affiliate KDCU-DT) and the first U.S. station to produce competing outsourced primetime newscasts for two stations in the same market.[233]
13	Journal Communications announces that they will drop The Cool TV from their stations and plan to sue parent company Cool Music Network for $257,500, claiming that they were not paid for broadcasting services prior to June 1. The channels will be replaced with programming from other providers, such as Live Well Network and Me-TV.[234]
	The 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards airs on Fox. This telecast, which was produced for the first time by Mark Burnett, is part of an eight-year renewal deal with the for major over-the-air networks (Fox, ABC, CBS, and NBC), ending speculations that it would move to cable.[235]
23	*All My Children*, an ABC long-running 41-year-old soap opera that debuted in 1970, airs its final episode on the network after more than 10,000 episodes.[236]
25	Fast food chain Wendy's unveils a new ad campaign based on its famous "Where's the beef?" ad campaign of the 1980s, using a new slogan that answers that famous question: "Here's the beef."[237]
26	Bounce TV, an over-the-air digital broadcast television network aimed at an African-American audience, commences programming.[238]
	A&E Networks rebrands History International as H2, which includes broadcasts of more recent documentary programming to it from parent channel History.[239]
27	ALN is rebranded as Youtoo TV, with a new format featuring Internet based programs as well as viewer contributed videos via social networking sites.[240]
28	*The Price Is Right* airs its 7,500th CBS daytime episode.[241]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	AT&T Uverse removes NHL Network due to a carriage dispute.[242]
2	Ending a 33-year run, and just one month before his November 4 death, Andy Rooney makes his last appearance as a commentator on *60 Minutes*.[243][244]
3	ESPN pulls Hank Williams Jr.'s longtime opening intro to its *Monday Night Football* telecast after the singer makes remarks on *Fox and Friends* earlier in the day comparing President Obama to Adolf Hitler.[245] Although Williams later apologized for the comments, Williams and ESPN mutually agreed to no longer use the song as the theme for *Monday Night Football*.[246][247]
4	HD Theater is rebranded as Velocity to more naturally fit its increased focus on male-oriented programming.[248]
11	Roberts Broadcasting, whose portfolio includes four CW affiliates and one My Network TV affiliate, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to the company defaulting on payments to Warner Bros. Television Distribution that resulted in the latter pulling their properties from Roberts' stations, and an earlier lawsuit of the same from CBS Television Distribution.[249]
14	After considering a sale of the online video service in June, News Corporation, The Walt Disney Company, Comcast and Providence Equity Partners decide to continue their joint ownership of Hulu and pull it from the sale block.[250]
	The FCC orders that Madison Square Garden, Inc. has to make a carriage agreement with Verizon FiOS and AT&T Uverse for the high definition feeds of regional sports networks MSG and MSG Plus by October 22, and launch them on the providers by November 14.[251]
18	Inspired by actor Zachary Quinto's decision to come out as a gay man, *ABC World News Now* anchor Dan Kloeffler announces on air that he is also coming out as a gay man as well.[252]

20	CBS commemorates the 60th anniversary of its famous eye logo.[253]
21	FIFA, soccer's governing body, reaches U.S. broadcast deals with Fox Sports (English language) and Telemundo (Spanish language) for FIFA championship events from 2015 to 2022, including the 2018 and 2022 Men's World Cup championships. Fox's bid surpasses those from incumbent ESPN and NBC Sports, while Telemundo's bests Spanish incumbent Univision.[254]
27	14 years after ending its original run, *Beavis and Butt-head* returned to MTV with its all new season 8 and 9 premiere, the combined episode *Werewolves of Highland/Crying*.[255]
31	Averting a midnight deadline, DirecTV reaches a carriage agreement with News Corporation to preserve the signals of News Corp-owned channels FX, National Geographic Channel, Speed, Fuel TV, Fox Soccer, Fox Soccer Plus, Fox Movie Channel, Fox Deportes and the 19 Fox Sports Net channels, which would have gone dark on DirecTV had the deal not been reached. The agreement also covers Fox Business Network, Fox News Channel, National Geographic Wild, and the Fox owned and operated local broadcast stations, which were part of a separate deal that expired at years-end.[256] (DirecTV filed a complaint with the FCC Media Bureau on October 27 about News Corp's false claims that the Fox broadcast stations were part of the networks' dispute.)[257] In a separate deal, DirecTV reaches a carriage deal with Belo for that company's broadcast stations, which also would have been removed on November 1 had that deal not been reached.[258]

November[edit]

Date	Event
2	Sinclair Broadcast Group makes its second station purchase of 2011, acquiring the eight stations (mainly ABC and CBS affiliates) put up for sale by Freedom Communications earlier in the year. The deal (pending FCC approval) is worth $385 million.[259]
	NBCUniversal announces that is reorganizing its local NBC Nonstop digital broadcast channels carried on ten of the 11 NBC stations owned by the company's NBC-Owned Television Stations division into one national network. The national NBC Nonstop, which will feature news and lifestyle programming (along with locally produced content by its affiliates) is set to launch in early 2012, and will also be made available for distribution to NBC affiliates not owned by NBCUniversal (it will be the second news and information digital multicast network venture by NBC, the weather-focused NBC Weather Plus operated from 2004 to

	2008).[260]
3	Bounce TV announces an affiliation deal with Fox Television Stations Group. The digital multicast network will initially be available to Fox's MyNetworkTV stations in Los Angeles (KCOP) and New York City (WWOR-TV), with eventual subchannel carriage on additional Fox-owned MNT stations. The deal is FTSG's first subchannel venture, and makes Bounce TV the second outside-owned multicaster to reach an affiliation agreement with a major O&O group (The Local AccuWeather Channel was carried on ABC's O&O stations from 2006 to 2010).[261]
	Conan O'Brien ends his week-long return to New York City by officiating what is believed to be the first televised same-sex marriage between a staff member and his partner on *Conan*.[262]
7	ABC affiliate WBBJ-TV in Jackson, Tennessee announces that they have signed an affiliation deal with CBS and will carry their programs on their DT3 subchannel, beginning January 1, 2012. This will be the first time since 1968 that WBBJ carried CBS programming when it was WDXI-TV (as it was a CBS affiliate from its 1955 sign on until its network switch to ABC that year).[263]
9	At approximately 2:00 PM EST, all TV and radio stations in the Emergency Alert System are tested simultaneously, the first nationwide test of the system since its 1997 inception.[264]
14	NBC announces that it has signed Chelsea Clinton to their news division as their special correspondent.[265]
15	Belo Corporation and Raycom Media announces a shared services agreement for their Tucson outlets. As a result of this deal, Raycom's CBS affiliate KOLD will take over the programming and newscasts operations of Belo's Fox outlet KMSB and sister My Network TV affiliate KTTU, starting in February 2012. Belo will continue to own KMSB and KTTU and retain their sales department.[266]
18	After 28 years, Regis Philbin appears on *Live!* for the last time.[267]
20	The American Music Awards airs, with the program being led into by its first official red carpet pre-show with a performance by Hot Chelle Rae.[268]

24	Actor-director Hugh Laurie announces that he will retire from performing on television after 30 years in the business. Laurie states that he will transition more into directing and big-screen roles once his Fox series *House M.D.* concludes its run after its eighth season.[269][270]

December[edit]

Date	Event
1	A station sale and shared services agreement announced on August 8[271] takes effect in the Evansville, Indiana market: Nexstar acquires ABC affiliate WEHT from Gilmore Communications, while selling independent WTVW to Mission Broadcasting. Both stations combine operations on this date out of WEHT's studios, and WEHT's sports subchannel affiliated with Wazoo Sports is discontinued completely. Additionally, their news operations are combined under one banner, *Eyewitness News*.[272]
2	ABC announces that Brian Frons, who has served as the president of the network's ABC Daytime division since August 2002 and faced criticism over the April cancellation of longtime soap operas *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*, will step down from the position upon the expiration of his contract with ABC in January 2012. Vicki Dummer, currently serving as ABC's Senior Vice President of Current Series and Specials, will take over as president of the division, which will be internally renamed within the company as Times Square Studios.[273]
5	Citing its "different business model" as an independent station (it lost its Fox affiliation on September 1), KTRV-TV/Boise suspends its news operations.[274]
12	CBS Corporation announces it will purchase Long Island-based independent station WLNY-TV/Riverhead, NY from WLNY Limited Partnership. The sale, if approved by the FCC, would give CBS a duopoly with its O&O flagship WCBS-TV and allow it to expand WLNY's on-air staff and local news programming.[275]
	Disney XD announces that actor/singer Mitchel Musso will not return for the third season of *Pair of Kings*, with Adam Hicks (star of fellow Disney XD series *Zeke and Luther*) replacing Musso in a new role.[276] The move comes after Musso's October 16 arrest and December 9 arraignment on 2 misdemeanor counts of DUI (for which a not guilty plea was entered in a Burbank district court).[277][278] Additionally, his monthly Disney Channel series *PrankStars* was canceled immediately, with the remainder of the already filmed episodes never airing in the United States and burned off in the United Kingdom.

13	Citing a desire to return to international reporting, ABC announced that Christiane Amanpour will step down as host of *This Week*, but will continue to work for both ABC and prior employer CNN, where she will host a daily show for CNN International, where she hosted a show until 2010. George Stephanopoulos, whom Amanpour succeeded as host, will return to hosting *This Week* in January 2012 while continuing as co-host on *Good Morning America*.[279]
14	The National Football League announces an extension of its contracts with broadcast partners CBS (AFC package), Fox (NFC package), and NBC (*Sunday Night Football*) through the 2022 season at an average total fee of $3 billion/year (the networks' current deals do not expire until 2013).[280]
15	Howard Stern confirms he will join the judges panel of *America's Got Talent* in 2012,[281] replacing Piers Morgan, who announced his departure from the show on November 9 in order to focus on his CNN program.[282]
20	ESPN on ABC announces changes to its *NBA Countdown* pregame show, including the elimination of the host position (leaving out Hannah Storm and Stuart Scott), a reliance on color commentators (including Magic Johnson), and a shift in production from ESPN's Bristol, CT headquarters to its facility at LA Live.[283]
22	The FCC puts forth a proposal that would loosen cross-ownership restrictions, including a move to allow common ownership of radio, TV, and print outlets in the top 20 U.S. markets (where restrictions are already tighter), and modifications to existing rules, including radio-TV ownership in smaller markets.[284]
	Melanie Amaro is crowned the first U.S. winner of *The X Factor*, beating out Chris Rene and Josh Krajcik.[285]
30	The E.W. Scripps Company completes its $212 million purchase of McGraw-Hill's portfolio of TV stations.[286]

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 2011.

Date	Show	Network	Source
January 1	*Dan Vs.*	The Hub	[287]
	House of Anubis	Nickelodeon	[288]
	Off the Air	Adult Swim	[289]
January 9	*Bob's Burgers*	Fox	[290]
	The Cape	NBC	[291]
	Infested!	Animal Planet	[292]
	Episodes	Showtime	[293]
	Shameless		[294]
January 11	*Lights Out*	FX	[295]
	Onion SportsDome	Comedy Central	[296]
January 12	*Off The Map*	ABC	[297]
January 13	*Beyond Scared Straight*	A&E	[298]
January 17	*Being Human*	Syfy	[299]
	Harry's Law	NBC	[291]

	Piers Morgan Live	CNN	[300]
	Skins	MTV	[301]
January 19	*Retired at 35*	TV Land	[302]
January 20	*Fairly Legal*	USA Network	[303]
January 21	*Ebert Presents: At the Movies*	PBS	[304]
	Onion News Network	IFC	[305]
	Portlandia		[306]
	Spartacus: Gods of the Arena	Starz	[307]
January 23	*Kourtney and Kim Take New York*	E!	[308]
January 24	*Bubble Guppies*	Nickelodeon	[309]
January 25	*Kitchen Boss*	TLC	[310]
January 26	*Face Off*	Syfy	?
January 28	*Working Class*	CMT	[311]
February 1	*Must Love Cats*	Animal Planet	[312]
	One Born Every Minute	Lifetime	[313]

	Seriously Funny Kids		[313]
February 7	*Power Rangers Samurai*	Nickelodeon	[314]
	The Chicago Code	Fox	[315]
February 8	*Traffic Light*		[316]
February 9	*Glamour Belles*	Lifetime	[313]
	Quad Squad		[313]
	Mr. Sunshine	ABC	[317]
February 11	*Bar Karma*	Current TV	[318]
February 12	*Pokémon Black and White*	Cartoon Network	
February 14	*Babar and the Adventures of Badou*	Disney Junior	[319]
	Jake and the Never Land Pirates		
	Mad Love	CBS	[320]
February 16	*Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior*		[321]
February 28	*In the Arena*	CNN	[53]
	Martin Bashir	MSNBC	[322]

March 6	*Breakout Kings*	A&E	[323]
	Coming Home	Lifetime	[324]
	Taking on Tyson	Animal Planet	[325]
March 7	*All About Aubrey*	Oxygen	[326]
March 22	*Brian the Fortune Seller*	TruTV	[327]
March 29	*All on the Line*	Sundance Channel	[328]
	Body of Proof	ABC	[329]
April 1	*Camelot*	Starz	[330]
	CHAOS	CBS	[331]
April 3	*The Borgias*	Showtime	[332]
	The Kennedys	ReelzChannel	[17]
	The Killing	AMC	[333]
April 4	*Dr. Drew On Call*	HLN	[334]
	The Problem Solverz	Cartoon Network	
April 5	*Pregnant in Heels*	Bravo	[335]

April 6	*Breaking In*	Fox	[316]
	Tori & Dean: sTORIbook Weddings	Oxygen	[326]
	Workaholics	Comedy Central	[336]
April 7	*Gigolos*	Showtime	[337]
April 8	*CMT's Next Superstar*	CMT	[338]
April 10	*The Dance Scene*	E!	[339]
	Khloé & Lamar		[340]
	Supah Ninjas	Nickelodeon	[341]
April 11	*Drew Carey's Improv-A-Ganza*	GSN	[342]
April 12	*Police POV*	TruTV	[327]
	Sinbad's Family Affair	WE tv	[343]
April 13	*Happy Endings*	ABC	[317]
April 14	*The Paul Reiser Show*	NBC	[344]
April 17	*Game of Thrones*	HBO	[345]
April 26	*Repo Games*	Spike TV	[346]

	The Voice	NBC	[347]
May 3	*The Looney Tunes Show*	Cartoon Network	[348]
	The Amazing World of Gumball		[349]
May 6	*A.N.T. Farm*	Disney Channel	[350]
May 7	*Pretty Hurts*	Logo	[351]
May 8	*Why Not? with Shania Twain*	OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network	[352]
May 10	*Swamp Brothers*	Discovery Channel	[353]
May 26	*4th and Forever*	Current TV	[318]
May 30	*Extreme Weight Loss*	ABC	[354]
	Platinum Hit	Bravo	[335]
May 31	*Million Dollar Decorators*		[335]
	Love Handles	Lifetime	[355]
June 1	*Franklin & Bash*	TNT	[356]
	Haunted Collector	SyFy	[357]
	Twist of Fate	The Weather Channel	[358]

	The World According to Paris	Oxygen	[326]
June 2	*Love Bites*	NBC	[359]
June 5	*So Random!*	Disney Channel	[360]
	Teen Wolf	MTV	[361]
June 6	*Switched at Birth*	ABC Family	[362]
June 12	*Ice Loves Coco*	E!	[363]
	The Protector	Lifetime	[364]
June 13	*Almost Naked Animals*	Cartoon Network	[365]
	Sidekick		[366]
	The Glee Project	Oxygen	[326]
June 14	*The Nine Lives of Chloe King*	ABC Family	[362]
	Proving Ground	G4	[367]
June 15	*Happily Divorced*	TV Land	[368]
	Rocco's Dinner Party	Bravo	[335]
June 19	*Falling Skies*	TNT	[369]

June 22	*Life on a Wire*	Discovery Channel	[353]
June 23	*Expedition Impossible*	ABC	[370]
	Suits	USA Network	[371]
	Wilfred	FX	[372]
June 27	*My Babysitter's a Vampire*	Disney Channel	[373]
	Winx Club	Nickelodeon	[374]
June 29	*Love in the Wild*	NBC	[375]
	Necessary Roughness	USA Network	[371]
	State of Georgia	ABC Family	[362]
July 1	*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*	Nickelodeon	[341]
July 8	*Say Yes to the Dress: Bridesmaids*	TLC	[353]
July 11	*The Five*	Fox News Channel	[376]
	Alphas	SyFy	[357]
July 13	*Legend Quest*	SyFy	[357]
	Dance Moms	Lifetime	[377]

	Roseanne's Nuts		[378]
	The Franchise	Showtime	[379]
July 14	Sweet Home Alabama	CMT	[380]
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July 17	*Bar Rescue*	Spike TV	[346]
	Big Rich Texas	Style Network	[381]
July 19	*Awkward*	MTV	[382]
	It's Worth What?	NBC	[383]
	Ludo Bites America	Sundance Channel	[328]
	Web Therapy	Showtime	[384]
July 22	*Heat Seekers*	Food Network	[385]
July 31	*Against the Wall*	Lifetime	[386]
August 2	*Take the Money and Run*	ABC	[387]
August 5	*Friends with Benefits*	NBC	[388]
August 7	*Curiosity*	Discovery Channel	[389]

August 12	*Strike Back*	Cinemax	[390]
August 15	*The Lying Game*	ABC Family	[362]
August 28	*PoliticsNation with Al Sharpton*	MSNBC	[182]
August 29	*Carfellas*	Discovery Channel	[389]
September 3	*Litton's Weekend Adventure*	ABC	[391]
September 7	*Paranormal Witness*	SyFy	[357]
September 12	*Anderson Live*	Syndication	[392]
	Excused		[393]
	We the People with Gloria Allred		[394]
September 13	*Ringer*	The CW	[395]
September 14	*H8R*		[396]
	Free Agents	NBC	[397]
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September 15	*The Secret Circle*	The CW	[395]
September 17	Killer Instinct	Cloo	[211]
September 19	*The Bill Cunningham Show*	Syndication	[399]
	The Jeremy Kyle Show		[400]
	Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness	Nickelodeon	
	Lifechangers	The CW	[401]
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September 30	*Jessie*	Disney Channel	[414]
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October 2	*Around the World in 80 Ways*	History	[415]
	China, IL	Adult Swim	[349]
	Homeland	Showtime	[416]
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October 5	*American Horror Story*	FX	[418]
	Penn & Teller Tell a Lie	Discovery Channel	[389]
October 6	*Gabriel Iglesias Presents Stand Up Revolution*	Comedy Central	[419]
October 10	*The A-List: Dallas*	Logo	[420]
	American Guns	Discovery Channel	[421]
	Enlightened	HBO	[416]
	Oprah's Lifeclass	OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network	[422]
	The Rosie Show		[422]
October 11	*Last Man Standing*	ABC	[407]

	Reed Between the Lines	BET	[423]
October 15	*Welcome to Sweetie Pie's*	OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network	[422]
October 16	*Talking Dead*	AMC	[424]
October 18	*Man Up!*	ABC	[407]
October 19	*American Hoggers*	A&E	[425]
October 21	*Boss*	Starz	[426]
	My Extreme Animal Phobia	Animal Planet	[325]
October 23	*Glam Fairy*	Style Network	[381]
	Once Upon a Time	ABC	[407]
October 24	*Monster In-Laws*	A&E	[425]
October 25	*Flip Men*	Spike TV	[346]
October 27	*Good Vibes*	MTV	[427]
October 28	*Grimm*	NBC	[397]
October 30	*Allen Gregory*	Fox	[405]
October 31	*Rock Center with Brian Williams*	NBC	[152]

November 4	*Bad Sex*	Logo	[428]
November 6	*Hell on Wheels*	AMC	[429]
November 9	*Coast Guard Alaska*	The Weather Channel	[430]
November 17	*Big Shrimpin'*	History	[431]
November 21	*You Deserve It*	ABC	[432]
November 25	*Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse*	TBS	[433]
November 30	*The Exes*	TV Land	[434]
	I Hate My Teenage Daughter	Fox	[405]
December 1	*Weed Wars*	Discovery Channel	[389]
December 2	*Austin & Ally*	Disney Channel	[435]
December 9	*Invention USA*	History	[415]
December 11	*Luck*	HBO	[436]
December 15	*Impractical Jokers*	TruTV	[437]
December 19	*Who's Still Standing?*	NBC	[383]
December 20	*Best in the Business*	Discovery Channel	[353]

December 29	*Three Inches*	SyFy	[357]

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Torchwood		Starz	[438]
Countdown with Keith Olbermann	MSNBC	Current TV	[42]
Damages	FX	Audience Network	[439]
Dangerous Encounters with Brady Barr	Nat Geo	Nat Geo Wild	[440]
Deliver Me	Discovery Health	OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network	[441]
Mystery Diagnosis			[441]
911: The Bronx		Discovery Fit & Health	[442]
Dr. G: Medical Examiner			[442]
I'm Pregnant and...			[442]
Untold Stories of the ER			[442]
Flashpoint	CBS	ION Network	[443]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
The Game	The CW	BET	[444]
Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN	Fox Business Network	[445]
Power Rangers	ABC Kids	Nickelodeon	[446]
Miss America	TLC	ABC	[447]
Secret Millionaire	Fox		[448]
America's Most Wanted		Lifetime	[449]
WWE Tough Enough	UPN	USA Network	[450]

Returning this year[edit]

The following shows returned with new episodes after being canceled previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous network	New/Returning/Same network	Returning	Source
The Game	2009	The CW	BET	January 11	
Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN	Fox Business Network	March 14	[445]
WWE Tough Enough	2004	UPN	USA Network	April 4	[451]

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January 31	*Lie to Me*	2009		[468]
February 5	*Pokémon: Diamond & Pearl*	2007		
February 9	*Human Target*	2010		[469]
	Friday Night Lights	2006	Ended	[470]
February 13	*Ooh, Aah & You*	2007		[471]
	Playhouse Disney	1997		
February 17	*$h*! My Dad Says*	2010	Canceled	[472]
March 7	*Greek*	2007	Ended	[473]
March 11	*The Cape*	2011	Canceled	[474]
	The Defenders	2010		[472]
March 15	*V*	2009		[475]
March 18	*Supernanny*	2005	Ended	[476]
March 20	*Big Love*	2006		[463]
	Detroit 1-8-7	2010	Canceled	[475]

March 21	*Skins*	2011		[33]
March 24	*Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?*	2007		[477]
March 25	*Comedy Central Presents*	1998	Ended	
March 26	*Olivia*	2009	Canceled	
April 1	*Working Class*	2011		[478]
April 5	*Lights Out*			[479]
	No Ordinary Family	2010		[475]
April 6	*Off the Map*	2011		[475]
	Mr. Sunshine			[475]
April 7	*Perfect Couples*			[344]
April 8	*The Electric Company*	2009		
April 9	*Sym-Bionic Titan*	2010		
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May 30	*The Hard Times of RJ Berger*	2010	Canceled	[494]
June 3	*Drew Carey's Improv-A-Ganza*	2011	Canceled	[495]
June 4	*Kid vs. Kat*	2009	Canceled	
June 10	*Camelot*	2011	Canceled	[496]
June 18	*The Mighty B!*	2008	Ended	
June 20	*United States of Tara*	2009	Canceled	[497]
June 24	*Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution*	2010	Canceled	[498]
June 26	*Law & Order: Criminal Intent*	2001	Ended	[499]
June 30	*Glenn Beck*	2006	Ended	[88]
July 6	*Men of a Certain Age*	2009	Canceled	[500]
July 11	*Law & Order: LA*	2010	Canceled	[178]
July 15	*Jimmy Two-Shoes*	2009	Canceled	
July 16	*Hot Wheels Battle Force 5*	2009	Canceled	
July 21	*Love Bites*	2011	Canceled	[501]

July 23	*G.I. Joe: Renegades*	2010		
August 4	*In the Arena*			[502]
August 11	*Lopez Tonight*	2009		[503]
August 16	*Hawthorne*			[504]
	The Mo'Nique Show			
	Memphis Beat	2010		[505]
	The Nine Lives of Chloe King	2011		[506]
August 17	*State of Georgia*			[507]
August 20	*True Jackson, VP*	2008	Ended	[508]
August 27	*ABC Kids*	2002		
September 6	*Rescue Me*	2004		[509]
	Proving Ground	2011	Canceled	[510]
September 7	*Minute to Win It*	2010		
September 9	*Friends with Benefits*	2011		[511]
September 11	*Entourage*	2004	Ended	[512]

	Yu-Gi-Oh! 5D's	2008	Canceled	
September 12	*Kate Plus 8*	2010		[513]
September 15	*LA Ink*	2007		[514]
September 16	*Go, Diego, Go!*	2005	Ended	
	Judge Jeanine Pirro	2008	Canceled	[515]
September 21	*Destroy Build Destroy*	2009		
	Dude, What Would Happen			
September 23	*All My Children* (ABC Daytime)	1970		[516]
September 24	*Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood*	2010	Ended	
September 29	*The Problem Solverz*	2011	Canceled	
October 3	*The Playboy Club*			[152]
October 5	*Free Agents*			[517]
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October 14	*The Super Hero Squad Show*	2009		
October 15	*How to Be a Gentleman*	2011		[519]
November 4	*Ni Hao, Kai-Lan*	2008		
November 7	*Glenn Martin, DDS*	2009		
November 10	*Charlie's Angels*	2011		[520]
November 11	*Batman: The Brave and the Bold*	2008	Ended	
November 12	*Back at the Barnyard*	2007		
November 18	*Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns*	2009		
November 28	*The Sing-Off*		Canceled	[521]
December 6	*Man Up*	2011		[522]
December 9	*I'm in the Band*	2009		
December 15	*The Joy Behar Show*		Ended	[523]
December 18	*Allen Gregory*	2011	Canceled	[524]
December 19	*Terra Nova*			
December 29	*Good Vibes*			[525]

	Beavis and Butt-head	1993		
December 30	*American Morning*	2001		[526]

Awards[edit]

Category	Critics' Choice Awards June 20, 2011	TCA Awards August 6, 2011	Emmy Awards September 18, 2011	Golden Globe Awards January 15, 2012	SAG Awards January 29, 2012
Best Drama Series	*Mad Men*			*Homeland*	*Boardwalk Empire*
Best Comedy Series	*Modern Family*				
Best Actor – Drama	Jon Hamm – *Mad Men*	Jon Hamm – *Mad Men*	Kyle Chandler – *Friday Night Lights*	Kelsey Grammer – *Boss*	Steve Buscemi – *Boardwalk Empire*
Best Actress – Drama	Julianna Margulies – *The Good Wife*		Juliana Margulies – *The Good Wife*	Claire Danes – *Homeland*	Jessica Lange – *American Horror Story*
Best Supporting Actor – Drama	John Noble – *Fringe*		Peter Dinklage – *Game of Thrones*		N/A
Best Supporting Actress – Drama	Christina Hendricks – *Mad Men* – Margo Martindale – *Justified*		Margo Martindale – *Justified*	Jessica Lange – *American Horror Story*	N/A
Best Actor –	Jim	Ty	Jim	Matt	Alec

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<tr><td>Comedy</td><td>Parsons – The Big Bang Theory</td><td rowspan="4">Burrell – Modern Family – Nick Offerman – Parks and Recreation</td><td>Parsons – The Big Bang Theory</td><td>LeBlanc – Episodes</td><td>Baldwin – 30 Rock</td></tr>
<tr><td>Best Actress – Comedy</td><td>Tina Fey – 30 Rock</td><td>Melissa McCarthy – Mike & Molly</td><td>Laura Dern – Enlightened</td><td>Betty White – Hot in Cleveland</td></tr>
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1. ^ Jump up to:a b c d The Golden Globe award for Best Supporting Actor is a combined award. Nominees include actors from drama and comedy series, TV films, and miniseries. The winner is only listed once, based on the genre of the series they are a part of.

Television stations[edit]

Changes of network affiliation[edit]

The following is a list of television stations making noteworthy network affiliation changes during 2011.

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Source
January 1	Los Angeles	KCET-TV	28.1	PBS	Public independent	[3]
April 18	Salinas/Monterey	KSBW	8.2	independent	ABC	[527]
April 27	Albany, GA	WALB-DT2	10.2	This TV		[528]
May 1	Toccoa, GA	WUGA-TV	32.1	independent (as WNEG-TV)	PBS/GPB	[529]
July 1	Evansville, IN	WEVV-DT2	44.2	MyNetworkTV	Fox (primary); MyNetworkTV (secondary)	[530]
		WTVW	7.1	Fox	independent	[531]
	Orlando	WMFE-TV	24.1	PBS	V-me	[79]
August 1	Buffalo, NY	WBBZ-TV	67.1	This TV (as WNGS)	MeTV	[532]

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25.3</td><td rowspan="2">MyNetworkTV</td><td>CBS</td><td>[538]</td></tr>
<tr><td>September</td><td>Derry, NH</td><td>WBIN-</td><td>50.1</td><td>independent</td><td>[539]</td></tr>
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	Boston, MA	WSBK-TV	38.1	independent station	MyNetworkTV	[539]
September 29	Santa Rosa, CA	KEMO-TV	50.1	MeTV (as KFTY)	Azteca America	[187]

Sign-ons[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Source
September 1	Juneau, AK	KJUD	8.3	ABC	[540]

Sign-offs[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Sign-on debut	Source
March 31	Hagåtña, Guam	KTKB-LD	26	The CW/Universal Sports	April 20, 2009	[541]
December 9	Davenport, Iowa	WBQD-LP		MyNetworkTV	June 1, 2002	[542]

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
January 2	Anne Francis	80	Actress (*Honey West, Dallas, Riptide*)	[543]
January 10	John Dye	47	Actor (*Touched by an Angel*)	[544]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
	Margaret Whiting	86	Singer and actress (*Those Whiting Girls*)	[545]
January 11	David Nelson	74	Actor and producer (*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*)	[546]
January 12	Paul Picerni	88	Actor (*The Untouchables*)	[547]
January 13	Dan Filie	56	Screenwriter (*Spartacus: Blood and Sand*), producer (*Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*)	[548]
January 15	Susannah York	72	Actress (*Jane Eyre*)	[549]
January 17	Don Kirshner	76	Music executive, producer, and host (*Don Kirshner's Rock Concert*, *ABC In Concert*, *The Monkees*)	[550]
January 19	Bob Young	87	News reporter/anchor (*ABC Evening News*, WCBS-TV)	[551]
January 20	Bruce Gordon	94	Actor (*The Untouchables*)	[552]
	Liz Dribben	73	Journalist (*Dialing for Dollars* on WKBW-TV, CBS News)	[553]
January 23	Jack LaLanne	96	Fitness, exercise, and nutrition instructor (*The Jack LaLanne Show*)	[554]
January 24	David Frye	77	Political impressionist-comedian (*The Smothers*	[555]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			Brothers Comedy Hour)	
January 26	Stefanie Kowal	69	Former production executive with Universal Television (*Centennial*, *The Four Seasons*)	[556]
January 27	Charlie Callas	83	Actor and stand-up comedian (*Love, American Style; Switch; Hart To Hart*)	[557]
January 30	John Barry	77	British music composer (*Eleanor and Franklin*, *USA Today: The Television Show*)	[558]
February 5	Marcia Adams	75	Cooking expert & author, host of *Marcia Adams' Kitchen* (PBS)	[559]
	Peggy Rea	89	Character actress (*The Waltons* and *The Dukes of Hazzard*)	[560]
February 9	Robert F. Schenkkan, Sr.	93	Public broadcasting executive (Co-founder of KLRN/San Antonio) and advocate (advised President Johnson on Public Broadcasting Act of 1967)	[561]
February 10	Jon Petrovich	63	Former local news reporter (WHAS-TV), news director (WDIV-TV, WBAL-TV), and executive with CNN	[562]
February 11	Tom Carnegie	91	Indianapolis radio/TV sportscaster (WFBM/WRTV, 1953–85), public address voice of Indianapolis Motor Speedway	[563]
February 12	Betty Garrett	91	Actress, singer, dancer and comedian (*Laverne & Shirley* and *All in the Family*)	[564]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
	Kenneth Mars	75	Comedic actor (*Malcolm in the Middle, Fernwood Tonight, He & She*) and voice actor (*The Jetsons, Uncle Croc's Block, The Little Mermaid*)	[565]
February 14	John Strauss	90	Musician-composer (themes to *Car 54, Where Are You?* and *The Phil Silvers Show*; sound editing on *The Amazing Howard Hughes*)	[566]
February 16	Len Lesser	88	Actor (Uncle Leo on *Seinfeld*)	[567]
February 17	Bill Monroe	90	Washington, D.C. bureau chief for NBC News, moderator of *Meet the Press*	[568]
February 18	Nancy Carr	50	American television and PR executive for CBS, Fox and Hallmark Channel	[569]
February 21	Dwayne McDuffie	49	Writer (*Ben 10*, *Ben 10: Alien Force*, *Ben 10: Ultimate Alien*, *Static Shock*, *Justice League/Justice League Unlimited*)	[570]
February 28	Jane Russell	89	Actress and TV spokesperson for Playtex	[571]
March 3	Al Morgan	91	Novelist/playwright, producer of *Today* from 1961 to 1968	[572]
March 4	Annie Fargé	76	French actress (*Angel*)	[573]
	Frank Chirkinian	84	Director/producer for CBS Sports (including 38 years on Masters golf telecasts)	[574]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
March 9	David S. Broder	81	Political columnist (panelist on *Meet The Press* from 1960 to 2008)	[575]
March 15	James Pritchett	88	Soap opera actor (*As the World Turns*, *The Doctors*, *Guiding Light*)	[576]
	Nate Dogg	41	Hip-hop singer and actor (guest appearances on *The Sopranos* and *The Boondocks*)	[577]
March 21	Barry Ackerley	76	Former Chairman/CEO of Ackerley Group (TV/radio station ownership)	[578]
March 23	Elizabeth Taylor	79	Actress (*Malice in Wonderland*, *These Old Broads*, *Divorce His, Divorce Hers*; supporting roles on *General Hospital*, *All My Children*, *North and South*)	[579]
March 24	Lanford Wilson	73	Playwright (his play *The Hot l Baltimore* was adopted for a 1975 TV series)	[580]
March 26	Geraldine Ferraro	75	Politician and television political analyst/commentator (*Crossfire*)	[581]
	Jobie Martin	93	Television/radio personality, businessman, and educator (host of *The Jobie Martin Show* at WLBT/Jackson, Mississippi)	[582]
	Larry Fraiberg	89	TV executive (VP/GM of WTTG and WNEW-TV, president of Metromedia and Group W)	[583]
March 27	DJ Megatron	32	Television/radio personality, presenter, musician and remixer (*106 & Park*)	[584]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
March 28	David Smith	55	President/CEO of Mission Broadcasting	[583]
April 9	Sidney Lumet	86	producer, director, playwright, and screeenwriter (*Danger*, *Mama*, *You Are There*, *Playhouse 90*, *Kraft Television Theatre*)	[585]
April 14	Jon Cedar	80	Actor (Corporal Langenscheidt on *Hogan's Heroes*)	[586]
April 16	Sol Saks	100	Comedy writer (*My Favorite Husband*, *Mr. Adams and Eve*, *I Married Joan*; creator of *Bewitched*)	[587]
April 17	Michael Sarrazin	70	Canadian actor (*The Christmas Choir*, "The Quickening" episode of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, 1978 host on *Saturday Night Live*)	[588]
April 20	Hubert Schlafly	91	Satellite television pioneer, inventor of the teleprompter	[589]
	Madelyn Pugh	90	Comedy series writer/producer (*I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour*, *The Lucy Show*, *The Mothers-in-Law*, *Here's Lucy*, *Alice*, *Life With Lucy*)	[590]
April 21	William J. McCarter, Jr.	81	Public television executive (WETA-TV/Washington, WTTW/Chicago), creator of *Washington Week in Review* and *The McLaughlin Group*	[591]
April 26	John Cossette	54	Executive producer for the Grammy Award telecasts	[592]
	Phoebe Snow	60	Singer and songwriter (appearances on *Reading Rainbow*, *Roseanne*, *Saturday Night Live*; wrote and	[593]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			performed WDIV/Detroit's "Go 4 It" promos)	
	Roger Gimbel	86	Producer (*A War of Children*, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*)	[594]
April 27	Marian Mercer	75	Actress (Nancy Bebe on *It's a Living*)	[595]
April 29	Howard J. Brown	87	Owner, president and founder of United Communications Corporation, an owner of TV stations and newspapers	[596]
May 3	Jackie Cooper	88	Actor (*The People's Choice*, *Hennesey*), executive with Screen Gems, director (*Hennesey*, *M*A*S*H*, *The White Shadow*)	[597]
May 4	Sada Thompson	83	Actress (Kate Lawrence on *Family*, Mrs. Gibbs in 1977 TV production of *Our Town*)	[598]
May 9	Jeff Gralnick	84	News reporter/producer for CBS; news executive for ABC, NBC, and CNN; executive producer for *ABC World News Tonight* and *NBC Nightly News*	[599]
May 10	Burt Reinhardt	91	First president of CNN	[600]
	Mia Amber Davis	36	Plus-size model and actress (appearances in *The Tyra Banks Show* and *Rip the Runway*; stand-in for Queen Latifah in the 2007 HBO film *Life Support*)	[601]
	Norma Zimmer	87	Singer (*The Lawrence Welk Show*)	[602]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
May 11	Tina Gulland	62	Reporter for Washington, D.C. area radio and TV stations and former head of television and radio projects for the *Washington Post* and co-owned Post-Newsweek Stations	[603]
May 12	Daryl Hawks	38	Sportscaster, WMAQ-TV/Chicago, among other stations	[604]
May 14	Joseph Wershba	90	Reporter/producer with CBS News (*See It Now*, *60 Minutes*)	[605]
May 15	Barbara Stuart	81	Actress (*I Led Three Lives*, *Pete and Gladys*, *Gomer Pyle, USMC*, *Our Family Honor*, *Huff*)	[606]
May 19	Phyllis Avery	88	Actress (*Meet Mr. McNutley*, *The Secret Storm*)	[607]
May 20	Randy Savage	58	Wrestler, actor (WWE/F and WCW, as "Macho Man Randy Savage"), commercial spokesperson (Slim Jim)	[608]
May 24	Mark Haines	65	Journalist (co-anchor of CNBC's *Squawk on the Street* and *Squawk Box*)	[609]
May 25	Paul Splittorff	64	Baseball pitcher and TV color commentator, both for the Kansas City Royals	[610]
May 27	Jeff Conaway	60	Actor (*Taxi*) and reality show participant (*Celebrity Fit Club*, *Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew*)	[611]
May 30	Clarice Taylor	93	Actress (Anna Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*, Harriet on *Sesame Street*)	[612]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
	Robert Foster	72	Writer/producer (*Run for Your Life*, *Knight Rider*)	[613]
June 3	Andrew Gold	59	Singer and songwriter, wrote theme songs to *The Golden Girls* and *Mad About You*	[614]
	James Arness	88	Actor (Marshal Matt Dillon in *Gunsmoke*, *How the West Was Won*, *McClain's Law*)	[615]
June 7	Leonard B. Stern	87	Producer, director and writer (*Get Smart*, *McMillan and Wife*)	[616]
June 10	Art Balinger	96	Character actor (*Dragnet 1967*, *Adam-12*)	[617]
	Jim Rodnunsky	54	Camera pioneer (inventor of the cablecam)	[618]
June 15	Bob Banner	89	Director/producer (*The Dinah Shore Chevy Show*, *The Carol Burnett Show*, *Candid Camera*, *Solid Gold*, *Star Search*)	[619]
June 18	Clarence Clemons	69	Saxophonist (member of E Street Band) and actor (appearances on *Diff'rent Strokes*, *The Wire*, *My Wife and Kids*)	[620]
June 20	Ryan Dunn	34	Reality TV participant, stuntman, actor (*Jackass*, *Viva La Bam*)	[621]
June 23	Fred Steiner	88	Television composer (*Perry Mason, Star Trek, The Twilight Zone*)	[622]
	Peter Falk	83	Actor (*Columbo*)	[623]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
June 25	Alice Playten	63	Actress/singer (*The Lost Saucer*)	[624]
	Nick Charles	64	Sportscaster (co-anchor of *Sports Tonight*; boxing analyst for Showtime)	[625]
June 27	Elaine Stewart	81	Actress (appearances on *Bat Masterson*, *Burke's Law* and *Perry Mason*) and game show hostess (*Gambit*, *High Rollers*)	[626]
July 1	Bud Grant	79	Programming executive with NBC and CBS, independent producer	[627]
July 8	Sam Denoff	83	Comedy screenwriter, creator and producer (co-writer for *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, co-creator of *That Girl*)	[628]
July 12	Sherwood Schwartz	94	Producer and writer (creator of *Gilligan's Island* and *The Brady Bunch*)	[629]
July 21	Bruce Sundlun	91	Politician (Governor of Rhode Island) and former CEO of The Outlet Company, which later became Outlet Communications	[630]
July 22	Tom Aldredge	83	Actor (*Ryan's Hope*, *The Sopranos*)	[631]
July 24	G. D. Spradlin	90	Actor (*Gomer Pyle, USMC*, *I Spy*, *Dragnet*, *War and Remembrance*)	[632]
July 26	Elmer Lower	98	Journalist and news executive (president of ABC	[583]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
			News, 1963–74)	
August 3	Annette Charles	63	Actress and dancer (appearances in *Man from Atlantis*, *Centennial*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *The Flying Nun*, *Gunsmoke*, *Barnaby Jones*)	[633]
	Bubba Smith	66	Football player, actor (appearances in *Married... with Children*) and spokesperson (Miller Lite's "Great Taste, Less Filling" ad campaign)	[634]
August 8	Carolyn Chambers	79	Founder/CEO of Chambers Communications Corporation, founder of Liberty Communications	[583]
August 13	Vic Dunlop	62	Comedian, actor (*Harper Valley PTA*, *Make Me Laugh*)	[635]
August 19	Lane Venardos	67	News producer for CBS News and consultant on CBS' reality-based programs	[636]
August 20	Patricia Hardy	79	Actress (*The Loretta Young Show*, *Perry Mason*, *Lassie*, *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*)	[637]
August 24	Mike Flanagan	59	Pitcher and announcer for the Baltimore Orioles	[638]
September 5	Charles S. Dubin	92	Director (*Omnibus*, *Twenty-One*, *Lou Grant*, *M*A*S*H*, *Square One TV*)	[639]
September 6	Donald F. Taffner, Sr.	80	Producer and distributor (*Three's Company*, *Too Close For Comfort*, *The Benny Hill Show*)	[640]
September	Gardner	60	Actor, known for his role as Carl Ziktor /	[641]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
7	Baldwin		Grimlord in *VR Troopers*	
September 8	Mary Fickett	83	Actress (*All My Children*)	[642]
September 11	Andy Whitfield	39	Welsh actor (*Spartacus: Blood and Sand*)	[643]
September 15	Frances Bay	92	Actress (*Seinfeld*, *Happy Days*, *The Middle*)	[644]
October 2	Don Lapre	47	Infomercial pitchman	[645]
October 3	Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr.	92	President (1957–75) and chairman (1975–83) of the ACNielsen ratings and marketing research service	[646]
October 4	Doris Belack	85	Actress (*One Life to Live*, *Law & Order*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*)	[647]
	Joe Aceti	76	Director for ABC Sports, CBS Sports, and Fox Sports	[648]
October 5	Charles Napier	75	Character actor (*The Oregon Trail*, *Murder, She Wrote*) and voice actor (*The Simpsons*, *The Critic*)	[649]
	Steve Jobs	56	Founder, and later CEO, of Apple Inc. (Oversaw the creation of, and helped adapted, television programs and other media platforms, for use on Apple's iPod, iPad, Apple TV, and iPhone devices)	[650]
October 15	Sue	79	Entertainment talent/booking agent and manager for	[651]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
	Mengers		television, film and music performers	
October 16	Dan Wheldon	33	British IndyCar Series auto racer (two-time Indianapolis 500 winner), part-time IRL analyst for Versus, guest voice appearance in *Hot Wheels Battle Force 5*	[652]
October 22	Robert Pierpoint	86	Correspondent for CBS News (1951–90), voiceover appearance on *M*A*S*H*'s series finale	[653]
October 26	Dan Burke	82	President and CEO of Capital Cities Communications and ABC	[654]
October 31	Gilbert Cates	77	Executive Producer for the Academy Awards telecasts and a member of the Academy's Board of Governors, president of the Directors Guild of America, composer, and dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television	[655]
November 2	Sid Melton	94	Actor (*Green Acres*, *Make Room for Daddy*, *Captain Midnight*)	[656]
November 4	Andy Rooney	92	Journalist and writer (*60 Minutes*)	[244]
November 8	Hal Bruno	83	Reporter and political correspondent for ABC News from 1978 to 1999	[657]
	Heavy D	44	Rapper/singer-songwriter, music producer, record label executive, and actor (composed and performed the theme songs to *In Living Color* and *Mad TV*)	[658]
November	Jean Yoo	36	Newsanchor for KSCI/Los Angeles	[659]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
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November 23	Tim Cuprisin	53	Television/radio critic and reviewer for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and OnMilwaukee.com	[660]
November 24	James Jespersen	77	Physicist and co-inventor of closed captioning	[661]
December 1	Alan Sues	85	Comedian and actor (*Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*)	[662]
December 7	Harry Morgan	96	Actor (*M*A*S*H*, *Dragnet*, *Pete and Gladys*)	[663]
December 11	Bonnie Prudden	97	Physical fitness instructor, author, and health advocate (Host of her own series and contributor to *The Today Show*)	[664]
	Susan Gordon	62	Actress (Notable role as the handicapped girl in the 1962 *Twilight Zone* episode "The Fugitive")	[665]
December 28	Kaye Stevens	79	Singer/actress (regular role on *Days of Our Lives*)	[666]
December 30	Doug Sellars	50	Producer and executive with Fox Sports	[667]

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2012 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting American television in 2012. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and rebrandings; stations changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about controversies and carriage disputes.

Notable events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	Regional sports networks MSG and MSG Plus go dark on Time Warner Cable systems in the New York City area and upstate New York after Time Warner and the networks' parent, MSG Media, fail to reach a new fee-for-carriage agreement.[1] The two sides reached a resolution to restore the signals on February 17, a deal that also restores MSG-owned music

	channel Fuse TV to Time Warner systems (TWC had dropped Fuse in December 2011).[2]
	Three stations and their related satellites in the Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming markets vanish from the Dish Network lineup due to a retransmission dispute. The stations are Casper's KTWO-TV (ABC), KGWC (CBS), and KFNB (Fox) and Cheyenne's KLWY (Fox/ABC).[3]
2	Versus rebrands as NBC Sports Network, reflecting the sports channel's common ownership and synergies with NBC Sports.[4]
4	The Walt Disney Company and Comcast announce a 10-year distribution agreement to deliver content from Disney-owned networks and ABC owned-and-operated stations to Comcast's multiple Xfinity platforms, including TV, online, video on demand, smartphones, and tablet computers.[5]
5	Neal Tiles steps down from his position as president and CEO of G4 and is replaced by Adam Stotsky.[6][7]
	Cowles Media announces a reorganization in the news department of its stations in the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara market, KCOY-TV (CBS) and KKFX-CA (Fox), that includes several layoffs of on- and off-screen personnel, the elimination of its sports department, and the move of the evening anchor desk out of market to Monterey Bay area sister station KION-TV.[8]
9	*CBS This Morning*, the network's attempt at a unique news-and-analysis-intensive morning show, makes its debut, featuring a host team of Erica Hill, Gayle King, and Charlie Rose.[9]
13	A week-long commemoration of *Today's* 60th anniversary culminates in a gathering of past and current personalities from the NBC morning program.[10]
	After more than 11,000 episodes, long-running daytime drama *One Life to Live* ended its nearly 44-year-run on ABC.[11]
14	Sunbeam Television's stations in Miami (WSVN) and Boston (WHDH-TV and WLVI) go dark on DirecTV after talks to increase the retransmission fees by a reported 300% failed.[12] The

	two sides reached an agreement on January 26 to restore the signals.[13]
16	Lionsgate Entertainment and One Equity Partners announce that they will explore a sale of their TV Guide Network, whose conversion over the years from a listings guide to an entertainment channel has made it profitable enough for a sale by the two companies.[14]
17	Food Network personality Paula Deen, known for her high-calorie recipes, reveals on *Today* that she has Diabetes mellitus type 2, and was diagnosed with the condition in 2008 (choosing not to reveal her condition until now in part to avert health rumors).[15]
23	NBC Sports reaches a four-year deal for exclusive rights (on NBC and NBC Sports Network) to the Breeders' Cup thoroughbred horse racing championships beginning with the November 3 event. The deal includes the first prime time staging of event's premiere race, the Breeders' Cup Classic.[16]The deal reunites the Breeders' Cup with NBC, which broadcast the first 21 editions of the event (with ESPN holding rights from 2006 to 2011).
25	The canceled CBS soap opera *Guiding Light* celebrates its 75th Anniversary.
	Bill Myers steps down from his position as president and CEO of Starz Entertainment after 10 years with the company.[17]
30	Following the lead of Telemundo (who has done it in one form or another since 2003), Univision becomes the second Spanish-language network to provide English subtitles (appearing as closed captions on CC3) on its weeknight telenovelas, an effort to attract viewers who do not speak or are not fluent in the Spanish language.[18]
30–31	A shakeup in the on-air makeup of Fox's *The X Factor* takes place: The network confirms on the 30th that host Steve Jones and judge Nicole Scherzinger will not return for the show's 2nd season in the fall. The next day, judge Paula Abdul confirms she will not return either.[19]

February[edit]

Date	Event
2	The FCC approves Time Warner Cable's $3 million purchase of Insight Communications,

	giving TWC access to Insight's 750,000 customers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.[20]
3	The FCC rules that television stations have the right to refuse to air ads under "reasonable access" provisions of the law pertaining to political candidates. The ruling comes after WMAQ-TV/Chicago rejected an anti-abortion ad that activist and presidential candidate Randall Terry wanted the NBC O&O to run during Super Bowl XLVI.[21]
	NFL Network announces it will expand its *Thursday Night Football* package from eight to 13 games beginning with the 2012 NFL season.[22]
5	NBC's broadcast of Super Bowl XLVI, in which the New York Giants defeat the New England Patriots, attracts 111.3 million viewers. This is the third straight year that the NFL's championship event sets the all-time record for total viewership.[23]
	During a Super Bowl halftime show headlined by Madonna, guest singer M.I.A. appears to deliver a curse word and obscene gesture that escapes the reach of NBC's censors. The network and the NFL (the event's producer) both issue apologies afterwards for the incident.[24]
6	Video distributor Netflix makes its original programming debut with the release of the comedy-drama series *Lilyhammer*.[25]
8	CNN suspends commentator Roland S. Martin after he posted homophobic messages on his Twitter and Facebook pages the night of the Super Bowl.[26]
12	CBS' broadcast of the 54th Grammy Awards—an event marked by remembrances of Whitney Houston (who died the previous day) and six wins for Adele—attract 39 million viewers, the biggest audience for the Grammys since 1984.[27]
17	MSNBC announces that it has parted ways with political commentator Pat Buchanan, who was suspended by the network in October 2011 after the publication of a book he had authored that drew controversy for its content.[28]
19	With the episode "At Long Last Leave", Fox's *The Simpsons* reaches the 500 episode plateau, the biggest amount of episodes for a scripted television series.[29]

20	Roberts Broadcasting announced it was exploring the possibility of selling one or all four of its television stations in order to raise enough cash to pay off its creditors.[30]
21	Fulfilling a caveat in its 2011 purchase of NBCUniversal, Comcast announces it will launch four minority-owned networks on its cable systems within the next two years: the children-oriented BabyFirst Americas (which has planned April 2012 launch date); Aspire (summer 2012 launch), which will include positive, family-oriented programming; Revolt (2013 launch), a music- and artist-oriented channel; and El Rey (2014 launch), a general entertainment network.[31]
24	In a cost-saving move, the E.W. Scripps Company announces that they will drop certain syndicated programs from its television stations beginning in September in favor of in-house programming and expansion of local content.[32]
27	Thanks to the event's first ever postponement (due to rain), the Daytona 500 is run for the first time on a Monday night. Fox's broadcast of the race attracts 36 million viewers, the event's second biggest TV audience ever.[33]
29	Molly Solomon is named executive producer for Golf Channel, becoming the first woman to hold such a position on a national TV sports network.[34]
	Video blogger James O'Keefe sues Keith Olbermann and Current TV after Olbermann says O'Keefe was convicted of rape (a charge which was actually reduced to harassment).[35]

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	Nick Jr., Nickelodeon's 24-hour preschool-oriented cable channel, receives a brand new look produced by Gretel, Inc. and a new advertising campaign created by BBDO to coincide with the permanent retirement of the network's former mascots, Moose A. Moose and Zee D. Bird.[36]
	Univision tlnovelas, a Univision Communications-owned cable channel devoted to Spanish-language telenovelas, launches on Dish Network as part of a carriage deal with the satellite provider to give it initial carriage of the channel and two other upstart cable networks owned

	by Univision.[37]
7	WNBC/New York City announces it has declined to renew the contract of Sue Simmons, who has anchored the news on NBC's flagship station since 1980.[38] Simmons leaves the station on June 15.[39]
11	NBC Sports begins its relationship with Major League Soccer with an NBC Sports Network broadcast of a season-opening match between the New York Red Bulls and FC Dallas.[40]
13	Tony Cassara submits his resignation as CEO of TV-station owner Young Broadcasting.[41]
14	In the wake of the deaths of three horses during production, HBO announces that all production of *Luck* will permanently cease.[42] The freshman series, set in the world of thoroughbred racing, had previously been renewed for a second season in 2013.[43]
15	The CW announces the launch of a smartphone app that will offer next-morning streaming of CW primetime episodes (coinciding with a similar change in the timing of episode streaming on the network's website).[44]
	WLNY/Melville, New York announces the suspension (effective March 29) of its 11 p.m. newscast, along with giving 20 of its 55 news staffers buyout offers. About 30 WLNY employees (including news anchor Richard Rose) will remain with the station following the completion of its purchase by CBS Corporation, after which WLNY's news operations will be combined with that of CBS' New York City flagship, WCBS-TV.[45]
	National Communications announces it will purchase Fox affiliate KUQI/Corpus Christi from High Maintenance Broadcasting, with its intent to enter into a shared services agreement with London Broadcasting-owned ABC affiliate KIII-TV.[46]
17	Fox Sports San Diego, the newest affiliate of Fox Sports Net, makes its debut. It serves as the exclusive local TV home of the San Diego Padres, which is also its minority owner.[47][48]
23	Disney Junior, Disney Channel's daytime children's programming block, becomes a standalone 24-hour cable channel. The channel replaces Soapnet, which remains available (in a limited, automated form) for some cable and satellite providers who have not yet

	finalized carriage deals for Disney Junior, as well for Cablevision and Verizon FiOS (both of them have kept Soapnet on the air and added Disney Junior to their lineups as an additional channel).[49]
26	Providence Equity Partners announced that it will put all of Newport Television's 56 stations on the selling block in an effort to pay off debt.[50]
	The FCC approves the sale of WUPW/Toledo from LIN TV to American Spirit Media. The sale includes American Spirit ceding WUPW's daily operations (including news) to Raycom's Toledo station, WTOL-TV, via a shared services agreement (mirroring similar arrangements in four other markets where Raycom operates American Spirit stations).[51]
28	ABC affiliate WLOX in Biloxi, Mississippi announces that it will affiliate WLOX-DT2 with CBS effective April 8, giving CBS its first full-time affiliate in the Biloxi-Gulfport market.[52]
30	Current TV announces the firing of Keith Olbermann, with his *Countdown* immediately replaced on this date by *Viewpoint with Eliot Spitzer*.[53] Olberman filed a wrongful termination suit against Current TV on April 5.[54]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	Twenty-three broadcast stations owned by Tribune Broadcasting (notably stations in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago) as well as WGN America disappear from DirecTV after the two companies fail to reach a carriage agreement before a midnight (ET) deadline.[55] The stations and WGN America were restored on April 4, after a new carriage deal was reached.[56]
	C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb steps down from his position as CEO of the public affairs network, with Rob Kennedy and Susan Swain stepping in as co-CEOs (Lamb remains with C-SPAN as executive chairman).[57]
2	Four Arkansas NBC stations operated by Nexstar Broadcasting jointly launch a statewide noon newscast titled *Arkansas Today*. The newscast originates from KARK-TV/Little Rock and is simulcast on and utilizes the news divisions of KTAL-TV/Texarkana, KTVE/El

	Dorado, and KNWA-TV/Fayetteville (the latter station produces sports segments for the program).[58]
	Nexstar launches a combined news operation, under the *Eyewitness News* banner, at its virtual duopoly in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Nexstar-owned WBRE-TV and Mission Broadcasting's WYOU. The newscasts utilize existing WBRE news staff, and marks the return of local news on WYOU since that station's news division was shuttered in April 2009. The newscasts (along with existing outsourced newscasts on New Age Media-owned Fox affiliate WOLF-TV) are also upgraded to high-definition.[59]
7	The Univision Deportes Network commences programming. The Spanish language sports network owned by Univision Communications primarily features soccer from the Mexican Primera División.[60]
	Fox Saturday Baseball premieres a new pregame studio show, produced by and featuring personalities from MLB Network.[61]
10	MLB Strike Zone, a commercial-free subscription cable and satellite network, launches as a companion service to MLB Network. The channel allows viewers to watch various Tuesday and Friday evening Major League Baseball regular season games and features up-to-the-minute highlights from around the league.[62]
11	ABC confirmed that it renewed its last soap opera *General Hospital* for an all-new season after 49 years and canceled its third lifestyle talk show *The Revolution*, which ended July 6, 2012 and was replaced permanently by Katie Couric's talk show *Katie*, which premiered September 10, 2012.
12	A ruling by a judicial panel on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit strikes down a FCC ban against political campaign and issue advertising on public television and radio stations, stating that the ban violates the First Amendment's free speech clause.[63]
13	ABC's *Good Morning America* ends the week with 31,000 more viewers than *Today*, topping the NBC morning show in weekly ratings for the first time since December 1995 (ending an unprecedented 852-week win streak for *Today*).[64]
14	Fox begins a regular (April through December) block of live Saturday night sports programming, featuring broadcasts of NASCAR, UFC, Major League Baseball,

	and Pac-12 Conference football.[65]
16	DirecTV and Starz Entertainment reach a new carriage agreement which will allow the satellite provider to carry the online versions of Starz and Encore, as well as the linear, online and on demand versions of MoviePlex, IndiePlex and RetroPlex for the first time.[66]
18	Cartoon Network announces plans to begin live streaming its linear television channel on its website and Apple mobile devices to customers of participating cable and satellite providers as part of parent company Time Warner's TV Everywhere initiative.[67]
22	Fox commemorates its 25th anniversary of prime time programming with a two-hour retrospective special, preceded by re-airings of the first episodes to two of Fox's most noteworthy shows, *Married... with Children* (Fox's first prime time series) and *The Simpsons* (the longest-running scripted series).[68]
23	CBS Television Distribution files a lawsuit against FamilyNet and its parent company ComStar, claiming that FamilyNet has aired CTD-owned shows without paying licensing fees (CTD claims FamilyNet's most recent payment was in June 2010).[69]
	WOW! acquires West Point, Georgia-based Knology for $1.5 billion in cash.[70] The acquisition was completed on July 18, making WOW! the 9th largest cable operator in the United States.[71]
30	A federal judge in Los Angeles rules that Dick Clark Productions acted properly when it negotiated a deal with NBC to produce the Golden Globe Awards broadcast for the network through 2018. The ruling is the outcome of a lawsuit against DCP by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Globes' organizers, who argued that DCP acted without their approval.[72]

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	Saban Capital Group subsidiary Kidsco Media Ventures LLC placed a $10 million bid to acquire certain assets owned by 4Kids Entertainment, including the *Yu-Gi-Oh!* franchise and The CW4Kids program block.[73] 4Kids commenced an auction between Kidsco

	and Konami subsidiary 4K Acquisition Corp. on June 5; 4K Acquisition placed a bid to acquire 4Kids' entire assets on June 7, which was later adjourned so 4Kids, Kidsco, and 4K Acquisition could consider an alternative transaction.[74][75][76] 4Kids filed a notice on June 15 outlining a proposed deal in which its assets will be split amongst Kidsco and 4K Acquisition, with the latter gaining rights to the *Yu-Gi-Oh!* assets, which is expected to be assessed on June 20, 2012.[77]
2	Lifetime and sister channels Lifetime Movie Network and Lifetime Real Women rebrand with new logos and slogans.[78]
3	Time Warner Cable announces a carriage agreement with News Corporation that will allow the provider to add four channels owned by India's STAR TV (Star Plus, STAR Gold, Life OK and STAR News) to its systems in certain markets with a large Southern Asian/Indian population.[79]
4	Journal Communications files an application with the FCC to acquire, for $2 million, MyNetworkTV affiliate WACY/Appleton, which has been operated through Journal-owned NBC affiliate WGBA/Green Bay since 1994. Journal includes a "failed station" request to waive ownership limits that apply to the Green Bay/Appleton market, basing the request on WACY's condition prior to 1994 (the station had gone bankrupt under prior ownership and ceased operations in 1992).[80]
7	ABC News and Univision announce that they will partner on a new English-language news network that will cater to a Hispanic audience. The network, known as Fusion, has a target launch date of late summer 2013.[81]
	LIN Media announces that it will acquire the 13 television stations owned by New Vision Television in eight markets: Portland, Birmingham, Wichita, Honolulu, Savannah, Youngstown (two stations), Topeka (two stations) and Mason City. The deal, which is completed on October 12 at a $342 million price, includes the assumption of $12 million in debt as well as the operations (via shared services agreements) of three stations owned by PBC Broadcasting (in Topeka, Youngstown and Savannah).[82][83]
8	H3 Communications (owned by the adult children of Charles Harker, owner of local ABC affiliate WABG and NBC affiliate WNBD-LD through licensee Commonwealth Broadcasting Group) announces its intent to purchase CBS affiliate WXVT/Greenville, Mississippi from Saga Communications for $3 million. If approved by the FCC, the Harker family will have

	control of all three major network affiliates in the Greenville-Greenwood market.[84]
9	ESPN extends its agreement with the Atlantic Coast Conference, expanding coverage of ACC athletic events through the 2026–2027 academic year in a deal reportedly worth $3.6 billion.[85]
	TV Land rebrands with a new logo, retiring the multi-squared logo the network had used in various forms since its 1996 inception.[86]
13	After 10 seasons on air, CBS announced that they have canceled *CSI: Miami*, the first show in the *CSI* franchise to end.[87]
14	Charter Communications signs a carriage agreement with Liberman Broadcasting to carry its Spanish-language network Estrella TV on Charter systems in certain Latino/Hispanic markets.[88]
	Fox confirms that Demi Lovato and Britney Spears will join the judges' panel of *The X Factor* for the show's second season in the fall.[89]
15	Sinclair Broadcast Group and Fox extend an affiliation agreement with Sinclair's 19 Fox affiliates for five years through 2017. The deal includes an option, exercisable from July 2012 thru March 2013, for Sinclair to purchase Fox-owned MyNetworkTV affiliate WUTB/Baltimore, while also allowing Fox the option to purchase Sinclair-owned stations in three of four markets: Raleigh, Las Vegas, Cincinnati and Norfolk (all of which are either MNT standalones or CW/MNT duopolies).[90]
16	Time Warner Cable and Viacom settle a lawsuit filed in April 2011 over carriage of Viacom-owned cable channels on TWC's in-home streaming app for tablets and computers. As part of the agreement, Time Warner Cable resumes carriage of Viacom channels made available on the app prior to the lawsuit such as MTV, CMT and Comedy Central, and also adds additional channels such as MTV Hits and MTV Jams and the high-definition versions of TV Land and BET.[91]
17	Intermountain West Communications Company announces two of its Idaho stations, KXTF/Twin Falls and KFXP/Pocatello (the latter is operated by Intermountain West through a management agreement with Compass Communications), will disaffiliate from Fox effective July 1, 2012, due to a retransmission consent dispute between Intermountain West and Fox citing demands for compensation payments that the company

	alleged exceeds both stations' current revenue. Intermountain West has announced it will seek primary affiliations with This TV (a joint venture between Weigel Broadcasting and MGM) for the two stations.[92][93]
22	Donald Driver wins the 14th season of *Dancing with the Stars*.[94]
23	Dish Network files lawsuits against ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC in response to litigation threats by those networks regarding the recently unveiled AutoHop feature on its Hopper DVR device's "PrimeTime Anytime" service, which automatically skips commercials during pre-recorded programming. Dish's suit asks for a declaratory judgment that the AutoHop feature does not infringe copyrights. CBS, Fox and NBC countersue Dish alleging the feature violates copyright law and may compromise their advertising revenue.[95]
	A visitor identified as Ray Miles enters the studios of CBS affiliate WIBW-TV/Topeka and demands to have the station investigate how the local Department of Veterans Affairs was handling his case. After the station's news director refuses Miles' request for the second time (he had previously visited the station on March 22 to discuss the issue), Miles turns violent: he destroys the studio lobby, threatens newsroom staffers and stabs the station's sales manager and a sales associate in the leg before being taken down and held until police arrive.[96]
	Phillip Phillips wins the 11th season of *American Idol*.[97]
	After debuting in February, independent station WADL/Mount Clemens, Michigan cancels its half-hour 9 p.m. newscast (produced under a partnership with Journal Register Company and the Independent News Network). The news department's existence saw the abrupt firing of initial news director Matt Stevens in February after one day of employment (following a confrontation between acting station president Kevin O'Brien and station management regarding O'Brien's firing), replaced the following month with WADL program host Joelle Lukasiewicz (wife of Kevin Adell, CEO of owner Adell Broadcasting).[98]
25	Time Warner Cable reaches an agreement with Cordillera Communications, restoring four stations owned by the Evening Post Publishing Company subsidiary in TWC's Corpus Christi, Texas service area (NBC affiliate KRIS-TV, KRIS' CW subchannel, Telemundo affiliate K68DJ, and independent station K47DF); the deal ends a five-month retransmission consent dispute between the two companies that resulted in the stations being pulled on December 12, 2011.[99]

	Three Honolulu television stations — PBS member station KHET, TBN O&O KAAH, and multicultural independent KIKU — are served with a Notice of Violation by the FCC for failure to retransmit the monthly Emergency Alert System test on May 1 and failing to air the audio script on the March 1 test.[100]
26	Discovery Networks-owned Planet Green — a channel that originally aired eco-centric programming before concentrating on archived Discovery Channel documentaries — is rebranded and revamped to Destination America, which features American-centric food, travel, history and adventure programming.[101]
	After a four-year hiatus, the action-oriented animated programming block Toonami returns to Cartoon Network as part of their Adult Swim programming block.[102]
28	New Orleans based regional sports network Cox Sports Television's coverage of the NBA's New Orleans Hornets ends after the channel decides not to renew its contract with the team.[103] As a result, Fox Sports Net picked up the rights to the team on June 25, and launched the new channel Fox Sports New Orleans on October 31.[104]
30	Fox Television Stations signs an agreement with AccuWeather to provide on-air and online weather content in 11 out of 16 markets where Fox has an owned-and-operated station, which include providing meteorological data, online weather products and the addition of 24-hour weather services on digital multicast channels.[105]
	The third and final episode of the History miniseries *Hatfields & McCoys* draws 14.2 million viewers, setting a new record for a non-sports program on ad-supported cable and breaking the record (13.9 million viewers) set by the first episode on May 28.[106][107]
	NBC affiliate WDAM-TV in Hattiesburg, Mississippi officially announces that WDAM-DT2 will become an ABC affiliate on June 11, giving ABC its first full-time affiliate in the Hattiesburg-Laurel market.[108]
31	Buckeye CableSystem (owned by Block Communications) files a lawsuit against the owners of two Toledo television stations: Raycom Media, which owns CBS affiliate WTOL and American Spirit Media, owner of Fox affiliate WUPW (which has been operated under a shared services agreement with WTOL since April 20), alleging the station groups are demanding higher carriage fees to continue allowing the cable provider to broadcast WUPW.[109]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	Two Louisville stations owned by Block Communications (Fox affiliate WDRB and MyNetworkTV affiliate WMYO) disappear from Insight Communications systems within the market, the result of a dispute with Time Warner Cable, which purchased Insight in February 2012 and asked for a re-negotiation of their retransmission consent agreement with the stations.[110] The stations' signals were restored on June 6, after both companies reach a fee agreement.[111]
	New York Network, the television production arm of the State University of New York, announced it will cease operations at the end of a phaseout period of several months, due to its equipment becoming obsolete.[112]
	MountainWest Sports Network (informally known as The Mtn.) discontinues operations.[113] The channel, a joint venture between the Mountain West Conference, NBCUniversal and CBS Corporation, aired MWC sporting events since its 2006 launch but was plagued by lack of full cable/satellite coverage in the conference's territory. The closure is also the result of the MWC's ongoing realignment.
	The district attorney in Utah County, Utah officially drops bigamy charges (a third-degree felony in Utah) against Kody Brown and his family, the stars of the TLC reality series *Sister Wives*, after it was determined that despite being married to four wives there was no evidence or signs of fraud that would warrant any criminal charges.[114]
	DirecTV's 24-hour 3D channel n3D (which launched in July 2010 as the first 3D television channel to operate 24 hours a day) cuts back its programming hours to become a part-time service, citing lack of programming available in the 3D format.[115]
2	Low-powered Fox affiliate KNPN-LD/St. Joseph, Missouri is launched by locally based media firm News-Press & Gazette Company. Along with airing 22 hours of local newscasts weekly, it simulcasts two channels that were formerly cable-exclusive (local news and weather channel News-Press 3 NOW and CW Plus affiliate St. Joseph CW 6) on its second and third digital subchannels, and carries Telemundo on a fourth subchannel. It replaces WDAF/Kansas City as the default Fox affiliate for Suddenlink, Dish Network, and DirecTV subscribers (DirecTV will not add the station until July 1).[116][117]

4	Allegedly in response to an ad run during a June 3 episode of AMC's *Mad Men* asking customers to urge Dish Network to keep AMC Networks' channels on the satellite provider (both companies have been embroiled in a carriage dispute), Dish abruptly relocates AMC and sibling channels WE tv and IFC to higher channel positions (AMC from channel 130 to 9609 for SD and 9610 for HD, WEtv from 128 to 9608 and IFC from 393 to 9607), with HDNet, Style and Indieplex filling their former channel positions. Sibling network Sundance Channel had already been removed from Dish two weeks earlier on May 20.[118]
5	The Walt Disney Company announces that, beginning in 2015, it will impose limits on advertising for food and beverage products across its kid-targeted media properties (TV, radio, and internet) to only accept ads for those that meet certain nutritional guidelines. The change affects Disney-owned commercial-free channels Disney Channel and Disney Junior (which limit traditional advertising to underwriter sponsorships) and children's programming on ad-supported channels including ABC Family and Disney XD (ABC's educational and informational programming syndication provider has not sold any child-targeted ads in that block since it took over).[119]
	DirecTV removes WABI-TV/Bangor, Maine (which carries CBS and The CW) and WCJB-TV/Gainesville, Florida (which carries ABC and The CW) after it fails to reach a carriage deal with their owner Diversified Communications, claiming the company wanted 300% more than their previous retransmission consent agreement.[120]
6	Hoak Media blocks access to 14 of its stations from Dish Network due to an unresolved carriage dispute in which Dish alleges that Hoak asked for a 200% rate increase for carriage of its stations and demanded that the satellite provider eliminate its controversial AutoHop commercial-skipping DVR feature.[121]Hoak's signals were restored on Dish by June 14.[122]
11	*Good Morning America* host Robin Roberts reveals to viewers that she has a rare blood disease known as Myelodysplastic syndrome and that her sister, WWL-TV/New Orleans anchor Sally-Ann Roberts, will be her donor for a bone marrow transplant that will take place in the fall. She will continue in her role as the show's co-host during her treatments.[123][124]
	Warner Bros. Television acquires Alloy Entertainment from investment group ZelnickMedia, with Warner closing the deal in the fourth quarter and retaining Alloy's staff. Both companies are co-producers on five shows: *Gossip Girl*, *The Vampire Diaries*, *Pretty Little Liars*, *The Lying Game* and *666 Park Avenue*.[125]

13	21 years after ending its original run on CBS, the classic soap opera *Dallas* returns to television, this time on TNT, with several of its original cast members reprising their roles.[126]
14	LM Communications, LLC (founded by Lynn Martin, owner of 12 radio stations in Kentucky, South Carolina and West Virginia) announces its intent to purchase CW affiliate WBKI-TV/Louisville, Kentucky from Louisville TV Licenses, LLC.[127] Block Communications (owners of Fox affiliate WDRB and MyNetworkTV affiliate WMYO) entered into a shared services agreement with WBKI on June 22.[128]
	The Walt Disney Company launches apps for Apple iOS devices (iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch) offering live streams of Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior to Comcast Xfinity subscribers, as well as on-demand content from the kid-oriented cable channels (including a limited array of on-demand content accessible to non-Comcast subscribers).[129]
15	A U.S. District Court judge in Los Angeles turns down CBS' request to block the June 18 premiere of ABC's *The Glass House*. CBS has sued ABC for copyright infringement over *The Glass House*, claiming the reality competition closely resembles its *Big Brother*, where several *Glass House* staffers had previously worked.[130]
	In an event telecast by ABC, daredevil Nik Wallenda crosses Niagara Falls on a wire, becoming the first person to complete the feat (and the first in 116 years to even attempt it). During his walk, Wallenda is attached to the 2-inch-wide wire by a tether, a precaution insisted on by ABC.[131]
18	Just two years after they were replaced by a real band, Victorious Secrets (later renamed American Secrets), in a contest, FreeCreditScore.com brings back the "Original Band" for a series of new ads, due to popular demand and a "mistake" by the agency that decided to drop the fake band in 2010.[132]
20	Just one month after cancelling the series, CBS announces that it will bring *Unforgettable* back for a 13-episode 2nd season that will air in the Summer of 2013.[133]
21	In a ruling favoring US broadcast networks, the United States Supreme Court determines that the FCC violated its due process in failing to give advance notice on policies concerning isolated instances of fleeting offensive words and nudity on television. However, the court declines to issue a much broader ruling (which the broadcasters had hoped would occur) that the FCC's indecency policies constituted a violation of the First Amendment, meaning that the

	FCC can continue to limit what can be said or broadcast on television.[134]
23	ESPN launches espnW, a live streaming website spun off from ESPN3 and dedicated to women's sports; the debut coincides with the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the federal law commonly regarded as the springboard for increased involvement of females in athletics.[135]
	The 39th Daytime Emmy Awards air on HLN, the first time the event airs on cable.[136]
25	The University of Central Florida's Board of Trustees approves the school's purchase of WMFE-TV/Orlando from Community Communications. It's Community's 2nd attempt to sell WMFE (an earlier deal to sell to Daystar Television Network fell through in March), and, should the FCC approve the license transfer, would likely return PBS programming to WMFE, which dropped the network in July 2011 (since that time, UCF has programmed Brevard Community College-owned WBCC-DT1 with PBS programming through a time-lease agreement).[137][138]
	KSAX/Alexandria, Minnesota and its Redwood Falls satellite KRWF (both ABC affiliates owned by Hubbard Broadcasting) are converted into full-time satellites of Hubbard television flagship KSTP/St. Paul, resulting in the elimination of local news and weather inserts during simulcasts of KSTP's local newscasts and the layoffs of 17 of KSAX's 19 employees. KSAX/KRWF's Alexandria studio will remain open as a news bureau and sales office, and local commercial inserts will be retained.[139]
	Fox affiliate WXXV-TV in Gulfport, Mississippi announces that it will affiliate WXXV-DT2 with NBC, giving the Biloxi-Gulfport market its first full-time NBC affiliate. WXXV-TV also relaunches an in-house news department for both stations.[140]
27	Aspire, a digital cable and satellite network owned by a joint venture consisting of Comcast and Magic Johnson that airs programming geared towards African American families, makes its debut on Comcast.[141]
	DirecTV announces they are in a carriage dispute with Northwest Broadcasting, owner of six stations in four states (Washington, Oregon, Texas and New York), claiming the company is asking double the amount of their previous agreement.[142]
28	After days of speculation regarding her future on the program, Ann Curry bids an emotional farewell as co-host of NBC's *Today*, moving to a correspondent and anchor-at-large position

	for NBC News.[143] On June 29, the network announces that Savannah Guthrie, host of *Today's* third hour, will replace Curry effective July 9.[144]
	News Corporation announces its intention to split into two separate companies, an entertainment unit (which will include the Fox network and its cable channels) which eventually becomes known as 21st Century Fox, and a publishing unit, which retains the News Corporation name.[145]
	ESPN signs a 12-year extension agreement with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association to retain the U.S. broadcast rights to the Rose Bowl Game from 2015 through 2026.[146]

July[edit]

Date	Event
2	HDNet rebrands as AXS TV, beginning a refocus towards lifestyle and live event programming. The change is a result of the purchase of a share in the channel by a joint venture consisting of Ryan Seacrest, Anschutz Entertainment Group and Creative Artists Agency, a deal announced on January 18 (original co-owner/co-founder Mark Cuban retains a share).[147][148]
	After being interviewed in an online article by *The Daily Beast*,[149] CNN anchorman and syndicated talk show host Anderson Cooper officially comes out as a homosexual man, thus confirming rumors about his sexuality that have surrounded his life.[150]
	The CW announces a partnership with Saban to take over the network's children's program block Toonzai, bringing programs such as Saban's *Yu-Gi-Oh!* and *Power Rangers* to the network and ending the current partnership with 4Kids Entertainment.[151]
	The Weather Channel announces plans to acquire Weather Underground, one of the internet's oldest weather services. While the site will no longer operate independently, Weather Underground will retain all existing staff and be run separately from TWC's online services.[152]
6	Dish Network subscribers within the Youngstown, Ohio market lose access to NBC affiliate WFMJ-TV, the result of a breakdown in re-negotiations between the satellite

	provider and owner Vindicator Printing Company to renew the station's carriage agreement.[153]
7	NBC and Telemundo replace their weekend morning Qubo children's program blocks with NBC Kids and MiTelemundo, both preschool-oriented lineups are programmed by PBS Kids Sprout (which NBC's parent company NBCUniversal jointly owns with Sesame Workshop, Apax Partners and PBS). Qubo will continue as a program block on Ion Television and as a 24-hour multicast channel on that network's stations (NBCUniversal will also continue to maintain an ownership stake in the channel).[154]
9	ABC launches *Good Afternoon America*, an afternoon extension of *Good Morning America*, hosted by Josh Elliott and Lara Spencer. The show is a temporary placeholder (airing for a nine-week limited run) for ABC's 2 p.m. (Eastern Time) slot, an hour where ABC would relocate *General Hospital* after it cedes the 3 p.m. (ET) slot (*GH's* longtime home) to its affiliates on September 10.[155]
10	13 stations owned by Hearst Television are removed from Time Warner Cable, Bright House Networks and Insight Communications systems in Honolulu, Cincinnati, Plattsburgh, Boston, Manchester, Kansas City (two stations), Winston-Salem, Tampa, Orlando (two stations), Portland (Maine), Omaha, Louisville and Clarksburg (via Pittsburgh) after Hearst and TWC fail to reach a carriage agreement.[156][157] Except for Honolulu (where only a message explaining the removal of the local Hearst-owned ABC affiliate is shown, which resulted in asking KHON and *Hawaii News Now* to simulcast their televised Honolulu Mayor's debate on July 11; its channel was later replaced with the Hallmark Movie Channel on July 13), the affected stations were replaced by out-of-market affiliates of their corresponding networks, including Nexstar-owned stations from Rochester, Wilkes-Barre and Terre Haute; the move prompted Nexstar to file legal action against TWC for using its stations as de facto affiliates in the affected markets without consent.[158] Hearst's Milwaukee station, which was granted an exemption due to a technicality from a prior agreement with Charter Communications, was pulled from TWC on July 13.[159]Both Time Warner and Hearst reached a deal that restored the stations back on the systems on July 19.[160]
	Shortly before midnight ET, 17 Viacom-owned networks (most notably MTV, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central and VH1) are removed from DirecTV after both companies fail to reach a new carriage agreement, with both sides accusing the other of being responsible.[161] DirecTV replaced the channels with compatible outlets from other companies.[162] In response to DirecTV advising subscribers to view original programming from the affected networks online, Viacom "temporarily slimmed down" access to current and other recent episodes of many programs from their websites on July 11, remaining in place until a deal is reached (as DirecTV does not offer internet service, the removal of Viacom-owned

	episodic streaming program content also affected internet users that do not subscribe to DirecTV, with access to this content mainly being restricted to subscription streaming websites such as Netflix and Hulu Plus).[163] On July 18, renewed negotiations between the companies broke off after reportedly Viacom asked DirecTV to pay $500 million to carry premium channel Epix.[164] The Viacom channels were restored on DirecTV after a new carriage agreement was made on July 20, with DirecTV gaining rights to carry live streams of Viacom-owned channels for its subscribers on laptops and mobile devices.[165]
	NBCUniversal confirms plans to sell its 15.8% stake in A+E Networks to co-owners The Walt Disney Company and Hearst Corporation, who will become 50-50 partners in the joint venture.[166]
12–13	Two members of *American Idol*'s judging panel, Steven Tyler (on the 12th) and Jennifer Lopez (on the 13th), announce their departures from the show after two seasons.[167][168]
13	A Delaware bankruptcy court grants Tribune Company (owners of 23 television stations including WGN-TV/Chicago, KTLA/Los Angeles and WPIX/New York City, superstation WGN America, Antenna TV and 19 U.S. newspapers) approval of its reorganization plan for the company to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection (Tribune filed for Chapter 11 in 2008 after accruing $13 billion in unsustainable debt from Sam Zell's $8 billion buyout of the company the year before). The company's senior debt holders, investment groups Oaktree Capital Management, JPMorgan Chase and Angelo, Gordon & Co., will assume control of Tribune Company.[169] Tribune's junior creditor Aurelius Capital Management and indenture trustees Law Debenture Trust Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company appealed the July 23 confirmation decision in the case, with Aurelius asking presiding U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Carey to stay the consummation of the restructuring plan.[170] The junior creditors won a stay of the bankruptcy plan confirmation order on August 22 on the pretense the appealing parties pay a $1.5 billion bond by August 29.[171]
15	After 16 years since the inception of MSNBC, NBC News ends their partnership with Microsoft and rebrands their website as NBCNews.com. The decision was the result of issues regarding contract requirements that prevented Microsoft from using news content from other outlets on its co-owned websites, as well as NBC trying to distance its online news content from public perceptions of a slant towards a political ideology due to the MSNBC television channel's gradual programming shift to appeal to a liberal audience. NBC News plans to launch a new website for MSNBC by 2013.[172]
17	Scripps Networks Interactive strikes a new multi-year carriage agreement with Comcast that will result in on-demand program content from Scripps-owned cable networks (such

	as HGTV and Food Network) being made available to Comcast Xfinity subscribers through its linear television and online services as well as through mobile devices.[173]
18	Suddenlink Communications accepts a buyout offer from BC Partners Ltd., several investment firms (including Goldman Sachs, Quadrangle Group and Oaktree Capital Management) and company management, led by chairman and CEO Jerry Kent to purchase the cable operator for $6.6 billion ($2 billion in cash, along with the assumption of $4.6 billion in debt).[174][175]
	Montreal-based Cogeco purchases Quincy, Massachusetts-based cable operator Atlantic Broadband for $1.36 billion. The purchase will expand the presence of Cogeco (which already operates cable systems in several Eastern Canada provinces, primarily Ontario and Quebec) into the United States.[176]
19	Newport Television announces the sale of 22 stations to three broadcasting firms: Nexstar Broadcasting will purchase 10 stations for $285 million (included are Little Rock duopoly KLRT/KASN, to be spun off to Mission Broadcasting (which is involved in several local marketing agreements with Nexstar in other markets) due to existing ownership of KARK and KARZ).[177] Sinclair Broadcast Group will acquire six stations in San Antonio, Harrisburg, Cincinnati, Mobile and Wichita, along with local marketing agreements with stations in Harrisburg and Wichita. Cox Media Group will also purchase two duopolies: WAWS–WTEV/Jacksonville and KOKI–KMYT/Tulsa, all pending FCC approval (Cox later announced on July 20 that it will sell its television stations in El Paso, Johnstown, Steubenville and Reno [including an LMA with Reno's MyNetworkTV affiliate][178]). Newport will continue to seek buyers for stations in Bakersfield, Fresno, Rochester, Albany and Eugene that were not included in the pending deals.[179]
	Through an agreement separate from its purchase of six Newport Television-owned stations, Sinclair Broadcast Group will acquire the assets of shareholder-owned Bay Television, Inc., owners of MyNetworkTV affiliate WTTA/Tampa, for $40 million. Sinclair has operated WTTA under a local marketing agreement since 1998 (although not in conjunction with another station, as Sinclair does not own any other television stations in the Tampa Bay market).[180]
	Actor/comedian Fred Willard is removed from his narrator duties on the upcoming PBS series (and *Antiques Roadshow* spinoff) *Market Warriors*,[181]following his July 18 arrest on lewd conduct charges after Los Angeles police officers allegedly caught Willard exposing his genitalia inside an adult movie theater in Hollywood.[182] *Antiques Roadshow* host Mark L. Walberg will replace Willard as narrator of the program, including narrating episodes that

	were already completed with Willard.[181]
24	The Federal Communications Commission upholds a December 2011 ruling in a complaint case filed by The Tennis Channel, Inc. (owners of Tennis Channel) against Comcast, that alleged the cable provider discriminated against the channel by putting Comcast-owned sports channels (such as Golf Channel and NBC Sports Network) in digital basic programming tiers, while placing Tennis Channel on digital sports tiers that have fewer subscribers; the ruling required Comcast to move the Tennis Channel to the same tier as its co-owned networks. This is the first instance in which the FCC upheld a program carriage complaint by an independent company.[183]
	Actors Sofía Vergara, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Eric Stonestreet, Julie Bowen and Ty Burrell (later joined by Ed O'Neill) file a lawsuit against 20th Century Fox Television arguing that their contracts for the ABC series *Modern Family* violate California state laws prohibiting personal service contracts from extending for longer than seven years (the lawsuit states the contracts required the actors to work on the series from February 2009 to June 2016) and include a cap on the percentage of annual salary increases that the actors receive for each additional season of the show. The lawsuit asks a judge to grant a ruling to void the contracts as the suit claims that clauses within them prohibit the actors from other work.[184] The actors agreed to new contracts on July 27, effectively ending the lawsuit as part of the agreement.[185]
	Hearst Television extends its affiliation deal with Me-TV for three years through 2015 and expands the digital network to five more outlets in Boston, Sacramento, Winston-Salem, Oklahoma City and Baltimore.[186]
25	News-Press & Gazette Company enters the Columbia–Jefferson City, Missouri market with the purchase of ABC affiliate KMIZ (including its MyNetworkTV and MeTV affiliated subchannels) and Fox affiliate KQFX-LD from JW Broadcsting for $16 million.[187]
26	Google announces the launch of a fiber optic television service set to make its initial roll out in Kansas City in September (alongside a high speed internet service also set to be offered by Google). Neighborhoods that initially receive the TV and internet services will be selected through feedback from Kansas City area residents and online registration.[188] Google Fiber TV (which will also provide live streams of program content to iPad and Android devices) debuts with the absence of cable networks owned by Time Warner, The Walt Disney Company, AMC Networks and News Corporation from its channel lineup due to Google being unable to sign carriage agreements with those companies.[189]
	The Spokane Public Schools announced that it will vote to end its relationship with PBS

	member station KSPS, which the school holds the license for (one of five PBS outlets in the United States owned by public schools; six that are owned by municipalities overall) and has funded since its 1967 sign-on but since 1972 had been run by a non-profit group (Friends of KSPS), due to financial reasons.[190]
	CBS Sports Network signs an agreement with the United Football League giving the channel the television rights to broadcast Wednesday and Friday night games from the fledgling sports league during its eight-week regular season starting September 19 (CBS Sports Network replaces NBC Sports Network and AXS TV as national broadcasters of the UFL).[191]
27	The 2012 Summer Olympics commence in London and continue through August 12, broadcasting domestically within the U.S. on NBC and certain other NBCUniversal-owned cable channels (including NBC Sports Network, Bravo, USA Network, Telemundo, MSNBC, and CNBC).[192] The opening ceremonies for the London Games draw a record 40.7 million viewers stateside, beating the 39.7 million mark set during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.[193]
	Jim Walton announces his resignation as president of CNN effective at the end of the year, after being employed with the network for over 30 years.[194]
	Tribune Broadcasting renews its affiliation agreement with Fox for six of seven Tribune-owned stations affiliated with the network in Seattle, Hartford, Indianapolis, Sacramento, Grand Rapids and Harrisburg (KSWB/San Diego is exempt from the renewal agreement as that station has a separate affiliation agreement with Fox).[195]
	Shield Media, owned by White Knight Broadcasting vice president Sheldon Galloway, announces its purchase of Fox affiliate WXXA/Albany from Newport Television for $19.2 million. Shield plans on entering into a shared services agreement with ABC affiliate WTEN (owned by Young Broadcasting).[196]
	Mark Steines steps down from his position as co-anchor of *Entertainment Tonight* after 17 years to host the revival of *Home & Family* on Hallmark Channel.[197]

August[edit]

Date	Event

1	Al Jazeera launches Bein Sport One and Bein Sport Dos, two new sports channels dedicated to soccer, the former in English and the latter in Spanish.[198]
	The expiration of a carriage agreement for NFL Network and NFL RedZone results in the two channels being removed from Insight Communications systems in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, due to a long-running impasse between the National Football League and Insight parent company Time Warner Cable that has prevented a carriage agreement for the channels on TWC's existing systems and the prior removal of NFL Network from Adelphia systems acquired by TWC in 2006.[199]
	Subscription streaming television service FilmOn and the four major U.S. broadcast networks (ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox) reach a settlement in a 2010 lawsuit over the company's streaming of the networks' programming on the website. Each of the parties involved in the suit stipulated to a consent judgment and permanent injunction in the settlement, and FilmOn will pay $1.6 million each to the plaintiffs. The settlement bars FilmOn from streaming broadcast network programming.[200]
2	American Spirit Media announces that it will acquire Fox affiliate WDBD/Jackson, Mississippi and that it has donated MyNetworkTV affiliate WUFX/Vicksburg–Jackson, Mississippi to Tougaloo College, to be operated by American Spirit Media through shared services and joint sales agreements with Raycom Media (owners of local NBC affiliate WLBT). The transactions, pending FCC approval, will take place at the end of the year.[201][202]
4	The Buffalo-based syndicated movie series *Off Beat Cinema* airs its first episode on new flagship station WBBZ-TV, after 19 years airing from WKBW-TV.[203] As part of the change, the series begins taping before a live studio audience.[204]
6	Jason Vincent resigns as news director of Fox affiliate KQDS/Duluth amid controversy following a racially offensive comment that he had posted August 1 on Facebook, regarding a Native American man that he had discovered in his yard that evening, whom Vincent referred to in the post as a "drunk, homeless... animal".[205]
7	Two stations in Milwaukee, both owned by Weigel Broadcasting, switch channel assignments. Independent station WMLW-CA moves to full-power UHF channel 49 to facilitate the station's upgrade to high definition broadcasts with a market-wide signal, while WBME-TV moves to the low-power channel 41 assignment of WMLW-CA, with an added relay on the DT2 subchannel of CBS-affiliated sister station WDJT-TV, due to WBME's main Me-TV schedule broadcasting solely in standard definition and universal cable and

	near-full satellite carriage for both stations in the Milwaukee market negating the need for a full-power signal for WBME (the Bounce TV and Telemundo subchannels on channel 49 were unaffected). An official switch of call signs between the two stations occurred eleven days later.[206]
8	Liberty Media announces plans to spin off its Liberty Starz subsidiary (which operates premium movie channels Starz, Encore and MoviePlex) into its own publicly traded company. The spinoff is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.[207]
9	CNN suspends Fareed Zakaria and his program *Fareed Zakaria GPS* after it was revealed that Zakaria had plagiarized an article featured in the August 20 issue of *Time* on gun control from an article that was originally written by columnist Jill Lepore for the April 23 issue of *The New Yorker*.[208] Zakaria, who has since apologized for his actions, was also suspended from *Time* for one month.[209]
	FilmOn founder Alki David launches a new streaming service using the domain Barrydriller.com that is similar to Aereo (for which the domain parodies the name of that company's founder Barry Diller, and which is currently in litigation with ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox in a separate lawsuit). The site streams network-affiliated stations via individual antennas and intends to pay retransmission fees to carry their programming.[210] Fox filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the site in a Los Angeles U.S. District Court on August 10, alleging that it is retransmitting broadcast network and syndicated programs owned by Fox without the company's permission.[211] NBC, CBS and ABC followed with a joint copyright lawsuit on August 13.[212]
12	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin television station WWAZ-TV, a station owned by Pappas Telecasting Companies which has had a tenuous history of staying on the air since 2000 as a station unable to find a niche or popular network affiliation in either the Green Bay or Milwaukee markets, along with their parent company's financial struggles, returns to the air as WIWN, carrying programming as an affiliate of WeatherNation from a new tower in the Milwaukee tower site, with translator towers in the west part of their service area serving Columbus and Ripon.[213]
13	MundoFox, which had an August 1 soft launch, makes its formal debut. The Spanish-language broadcast network is a partnership between Fox International Channels and Colombia's RCN TV.[214][215][216]
	Stainless Broadcasting Company (also known as Northwest Broadcasting) pulls its six stations (KAYU/Spokane, KMVU/Medford, Oregon, KFFX/Pendleton, Oregon and its

	repeater KCYU-LD/Yakima, and WICZ–WBPN-LP/Binghamton) from DirecTV. The two companies had previously agreed on a specific carriage fee increase, though the deal fell apart due to a clause added by DirecTV requiring Stainless/Northwest Broadcasting to give a low rate equal to those the company previously signed with other satellite and cable providers.[217] The dispute lasted nine weeks, ending on October 26.[217]
	VH1 pulls the launch of the reality series *Ev and Ocho* (originally planned to debut on September 3) indefinitely following the August 11 arrest of its star, NFL player Chad Johnson, on domestic battery charges on accusations that Johnson allegedly head-butted wife Evelyn Lozada during an argument.[218]
	The producers of *The Good Wife* has announced that Kristin Chenoweth, who was scheduled to play a reporter in a multiple storyline arc, will not be returning due to an accident on the set in which a gust of wind caused her to be struck by a piece of lighting equipment during the show's filming on July 11, resulting in the producers to alter her appearance to one episode. Chenoweth, who later treated for her injuries and released, said she needs time to recover before returning to work.[219] However, Chenoweth later returned to the set on August 31.[220]
15	Avoiding a 12:01 a.m. (ET) August 16 deadline, Dish Network reaches a retransmission agreement with Sinclair Broadcast Group, covering 70 Sinclair-owned or -operated stations in 45 markets.[221]
	The Pac-12 Conference launches the national sports channel Pac-12 Network as well as six regional sports networks.[222] It is the first channel of its kind owned and operated entirely by a college conference, without the backing of a media conglomerate (unlike similar channels Big Ten Network, Longhorn Network and the defunct MountainWest Sports Network).
16	Cablevision signs an agreement with the National Football League to allow NFL Network and NFL Redzone to be carried on that company's systems for the first time (which further expands the reach of the two networks deeper into the New York City area as a result).[223] The channels will be available on Cablevision systems starting on August 17.[224] The agreement leaves Time Warner Cable as the only major pay television provider that does not carry either network.
17	Hours after the NFL Network deal was announced, Cablevision pulls four television stations owned by Tribune Broadcasting (WPIX/New York City, WCCT/Hartford, KWGN/Denver and WPHL/Philadelphia) from its systems in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Colorado. Cablevision accuses the broadcast group of demanding high retransmission consent fees for its stations due to its parent Tribune

	Company working to get out of bankruptcy and illegally bundling carriage agreements for WCCT's Fox-affiliated sister WTIC-TV to WPIX.[225] WGN America across Cablevision's service area and WTIC-TV in its Connecticut service area were originally unaffected by the dispute,[226] though both were also pulled by Cablevision on August 25.[227] The dispute lasted 10 weeks, ending on October 26, when the affected channels returned to Cablevision systems.[228]
	NBCUniversal (which has been attempting to improve its financial performance since Comcast took majority ownership in 2011) imposes budget cutbacks for *The Tonight Show* (although the program is the highest-rated of the network late night talk shows), leading to the layoffs of about two dozen staff members (roughly 10% of the show's approximately 200 person staff), the program's weekly budget being reduced by 25% to $1.7 million, and host Jay Leno's annual salary from being cut from $25–$30 million to around $20 million (the show was operating under the same increased weekly budget prior to the budget cuts as that during Leno's stint as host of the short-lived *The Jay Leno Show* in 2009).[229]
20	New York City-based hedge fund Standard General files an application with the Federal Communications Commission to approve an increase of its ownership stake in the 11-station Young Broadcasting group (which emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2010) from 36.34% to a majority stake of 50.03%.[230]
21	ABC announces changes to its late night lineup that will take effect in January 2013: the network's long-running newsmagazine *Nightline* will leave the 11:35 p.m. (ET) timeslot that the program has held since it debuted in March 1980 (being bumped one hour later to 12:35 a.m. ET), while talk show *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* will move up 25 minutes to the 11:35 slot (which places it in direct competition with fellow late night talkers *The Tonight Show*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Colbert Report* and *Conan*).[231]
22	Watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington files a petition to the Federal Communications Commission asking them to deny the pending license renewals of three stations owned by Fox Television Stations (the Washington, D.C. duopoly of WTTG–WDCA and Baltimore station WUTB) citing the phone hacking scandal involving British newspapers owned by FTS parent News Corporation.[232]
23	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces the sale of Fox affiliate KBTV-TV/Beaumont to Deerfield Media. Sinclair Broadcast Group (owners of CBS affiliate KFDM) will operate KBTV under a shared services agreement, identical to pending operational agreements between Sinclair and Deerfield (which will operate in a relatively similar capacity with Sinclair as Cunningham Broadcasting) in Mobile (two stations), Cincinnati and San

	Antonio.[233]
24	NBC affiliate KSL-TV/Salt Lake City announced that it will not carry the sitcom *The New Normal* because of its premise involving a gay couple trying to have a family, which the station's parent company Bonneville International (which in turn is owned by the LDS Church, which opposes gay marriage) sees as being too controversial, offensive, and not reflecting the station's conservative program policies, with the GM stating that "For our brand, this program feels inappropriate on several dimensions, especially during family viewing time", the latter referring to the Tuesday night 8:30PM (MT) slot and its decision in 2011 to not carry *The Playboy Club*. As with some NBC programs that KSL refuses to air, the series will be seen on CW affiliate KUCW instead.[234]
25	Saban Brands, via Kidsco Media Ventures, began programming The CW's children's programming block, Toonzai, which was relaunched under the name Vortexx.[235] Programming aired on the block includes *Yu-Gi-Oh!* and *Power Rangers*. The former Toonzai block ended its four-year run on The CW (dating back its existence under its former branding as TheCW4Kids) on August 18.[236]
28	ESPN renews its broadcast rights to Major League Baseball Spring training and Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evening regular season games for eight years through 2021 (as well as retaining highlight program *Baseball Tonight*). The $5.6 billion deal (averaging $700 million annually) is nearly double the $2.8 billion that ESPN paid under the previous contract and includes added rights to show games joined in progress, a 13% increase in the number of live games shown and the virtual elimination of home market blackouts for Monday and Wednesday games. Though rights to a single Wild Card game each season are included, all other playoff games are exempt from the deal (rights to the post-season games are held by Fox and TBS though the 2013 season).[237]
31	ABC affiliate WKDH/Houston, Mississippi (owned by Southern Broadcasting under a local marketing agreement with WTVA, Inc., owners of NBC affiliate WTVA/Tupelo) ceases operations after 11 years.[238] The ABC affiliation for the Tupelo-Columbus market moved to the second digital subchannel of WTVA on September 1, bumping Me-TV programming seen on that channel to sister station WLOV-TV's second digital subchannel.[239]
	Ohio News Network, a Columbus-based regional cable news channel owned by Dispatch Broadcast Group, ceases operations after 15 years.[240]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	Dish Network pulls Dispatch Broadcast Group's two television stations, NBC affiliate WTHR/Indianapolis and CBS affiliate WBNS-TV/Columbus, due to a retransmission consent dispute with the satellite provider.[241] The dispute ended on October 5, when Dispatch and Dish struck a new carriage agreement.[242]
	At the same time, Dish Network reaches a short-term carriage agreement with Big Ten Network to keep the cable channel devoted to sports events from the Big Ten Conference on the satellite provider until a longer-term contract is agreed upon.[243]
2	One year after being shortened from 21½ to six hours, the *MDA Labor Day Telethon* is revamped again, paring down to three pre-recorded primetime hours and retitled *MDA Show of Strength* in an effort to move away from its 46-year heritage as a long-form telethon.[244][245]
3	Gray Television launches two low-power network affiliates in Parkersburg, West Virginia (the first of four LPTV licenses that Gray acquired in March and April to sign on the air): WIYE-LD debuts as the area's CBS affiliate, while WOVA-LD assumes the Fox affiliation from the second digital subchannel of NBC-affiliated sister station WTAP-TV. WIYE-LD replaces WBNS/Columbus as the default CBS affiliate on cable and satellite providers within the market.[246][247]
4	Journal Communications purchases CBS affiliate WTVF/Nashville from Landmark Media Enterprises for $215 million.[248] Once the sale of the station is completed, it will leave fellow CBS station KLAS-TV/Las Vegas as the only remaining television station in Landmark's portfolio.
	Live! with Kelly becomes *Live! with Kelly and Michael*, as former New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan is formally introduced as Kelly Ripa's new co-host.[249] Strahan will continue his duties as analyst for the *Fox NFL Sunday* pregame show, which originates from Los Angeles (*Live!* is based at New York City's WABC-TV).[250]
	E! names former *106 & Park* co-host Terrence Jenkins to replace Ryan Seacrest as co-host of the network's flagship entertainment news program *E! News*. Seacrest's departure from his co-hosting duties on *E! News* is part of the terms of a two-year agreement that he signed with

	E! parent NBCUniversal in April that will have him become a contributor for NBC,[251] though Seacrest will move to a contributor role on the program, while retaining his position as the show's managing editor and serving as co-host of the network's *Live From the Red Carpet* specials.[252]
	Epix strikes a distribution agreement with Amazon that will provide the website's Amazon Video service with film content from the parent companies of the fledgling premium cable channel: Paramount Pictures (whose corporate parent Viacom jointly operates the channel), Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Lionsgate. Films will appear on Amazon Video on a 90-day delay after their pay cable premiere on Epix (Netflix will also retain rights to Epix film content as part of an existing five-year deal that began in 2010, though it will no longer hold exclusivity).[253]
	Red Zone Capital Management, an investment firm owned by Daniel Snyder, agrees to sell (for an undisclosed amount) TV production firm Dick Clark Productions to a partnership headed by Guggenheim Partners, Mandalay Entertainment and Mosaic Media Investment Partners.[254]
5	CBS Corporation signs a retransmission consent agreement with Cablevision, allowing continued carriage of three CBS-owned television stations in the cable provider's New York, New Jersey and Colorado service areas (WCBS-TV/New York, KYW-TV/Philadelphia and KCNC-TV/Denver), as well as Showtime, Smithsonian Channel and CBS Sports Network.[255]
	The transmitter tower of PBS member station KSMQ-TV/Austin, Minnesota collapses due to straight-line thunderstorm winds that moved through the area during the early morning hours, knocking the station off the air for several hours.[256] The station set up alternate transmitter facilities that evening utilizing a microwave dish installed atop the station's studios that was manually directed towards a backup tower near Grand Meadow. The station later set up a fund to help cover insurance deductible costs (estimated at $7,000 minimum), though insurance is expected to cover the costs for the construction of a new transmitter.[257]
6	Google Fiber enters into a carriage agreement with the National Football League to carry the NFL Network and NFL RedZone upon the September 10 launch of the service in the Kansas City metropolitan area.[258]
	Optimum rebrands for the first time in ten years with a new logo.[259]

7	ESPN renews its agreement to broadcast college football, basketball and baseball games from the Big 12 Conference through the 2024–25 athletics season. The deal, which encompasses ESPN's cable channels and ABC, is reported to be worth an estimated $1.3 billion and increases the number of televised regular season games starting with the 2016 season.[260]
	News-Press & Gazette Company enters into an agreement to purchase ABC affiliate KEYT-TV/Santa Barbara from Smith Media LLC (which is expected to be completed by the end of 2012, pending FCC approval). The sale price for the station is $14.3 million.[261][262]
8	*Deadly Affairs*, a documentary television series, premieres on Investigation Discovery and is hosted by *All My Children* actress Susan Lucci.
10	Nexstar Broadcasting Group renews affiliation contracts for nine of its 11 CBS-affiliated stations for six years. The agreement, which runs through 2018, exempts WTAJ-TV/Altoona (which will remain with CBS through at least June 2016) and Nexstar-operated WYOU/Scranton (which is owned by Mission Broadcasting, and will remain with CBS through at least June 2015) due to separate existing affiliation agreements.[263]
	Disney-ABC's talk show *Katie*, hosted by Katie Couric, premieres at the 3:00 PM Eastern timeslot on most ABC stations, while ABC's soap opera *General Hospital* moves to the 2:00 PM Eastern timeslot.
	ABC affiliate KSFY-TV/Sioux Falls, South Dakota (owned by Hoak Media) will begin carrying CW network programming via a new second digital subchannel.[264]
	ACME Communications announces it will sell its last remaining stations — the Albuquerque duopoly of CW affiliate KWBQ, its Roswell satellite KRWB, and MyNetworkTV affiliate KASY-TV; the buyer is Tamer Media, who will purchase the stations in a $17.3 million all-cash transaction in its first TV station acquisition. The stations will continue to be operated by LIN Media stations KASA-TV (Fox) and KRQE (CBS) via shared services agreements.[265]
	Professional wrestling commentator Jerry Lawler collapses and is sent to a Montreal hospital during a live broadcast of *WWE Monday Night Raw*. Lawler's partner, Michael Cole, announces the incident "is not part of (the evening's) entertainment" and there is no further commentary during the matches for the first time in the show's 19-year history.[266]

11	*Today* causes controversy after the NBC morning program continues on with an interview with *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* co-star Kris Jenner instead of airing the remembrance ceremonies for the September 11 attacks, when a moment of silence was conducted at 8:46 a.m. ET (the time that American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center) in memory of those who died in the attacks.[267] Though *Today* did not broadcast the tribute on NBC's national feed, WNBC/New York City interrupted the program to broadcast locally produced special coverage of the ceremonies.[268]Though the network will not issue a public apology, NBC News president Steve Capus sent a memo on September 12 to managers at all of NBC's affiliates apologizing for criticism the stations have faced.[269]
12	Actress/singer Jennifer Lopez acquires a minority ownership interest in Nuvo TV. As part of the deal, Lopez's production company Nuyorican Productions will develop series for the channel, which is aimed at an English-speaking Latino-American audience.[270]
13	Beef Products Inc. files a defamation lawsuit against ABC News (with *ABC World News* anchor Diane Sawyer and correspondents Jim Avila and David Kerley among those named as defendants), seeking $1.2 billion in damages for claims of roughly 200 "false, misleading and defamatory" statements. The suit alleges that the network's March 2012 investigation on ammonia-treated lean, textured ground beef trimmings misled consumers to believing that the product (nicknamed "pink slime") is unsafe for consumption, resulting in an impact to the company that forced the closure of three of its four U.S. processing plants and the layoffs of more than 650 employees.[271][272]
	DirecTV drops GOL TV after the channel loses U.S. broadcast rights to Spain's La Liga soccer league (which are now held by Al Jazeera-owned beIN Sport).[273]
	ESPN's flagship sports news program *SportsCenter* broadcasts its 50,000th episode.[274]
15	Dish Network drops Big Ten Network from the satellite provider due to the two parties' inability to settle on a new carriage agreement (this after Dish and BTN reached a temporary extension of their previous agreement on September 1 in order to allow subscribers to view college football games during the first two weeks of the NCAA football season).[275][276] Dish reached a new long-term carriage agreement with the network one week later, restoring the channel on September 22.[277]
16	*American Idol* announces Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban are the two newest members of its judging panel.[278] Minaj and Urban will join fellow new judge Mariah Carey, who joined the show on July 23,[279] and Randy Jackson, who had announced his intentions to leave the panel on August 31[280] but will instead continue not only as judge but also add duties as contestant

	mentor.
19	Fox Sports and TBS renew their broadcast contracts with Major League Baseball to continue broadcasting MLB games through 2021. Fox will pay approximately $500 million annually to broadcast MLB games, while TBS will pay around $300 million. The deal removes TBS' exclusivity for carriage of all first-round MLB playoff games, as Fox will obtain rights to some first-round games to air on its cable motorsports channel Speed, which is rumored to undergo a revamp of programming.[281]
20	NRJ TV purchases family-oriented independent station WGCB-TV/Red Lion, Pennsylvania for $9 million from Red Lion Television.[282]
	HBO announces that CEO Bill Nelson will retire at the end of 2012, after nearly three decades with the pay cable service. Nelson will be succeeded by network co-president Richard Plepler.[283]
21	Time Warner Cable reaches an agreement with the National Football League to carry the NFL Network and NFL RedZone on its systems (as well as those owned by co-managed Bright House Networks). TWC was the largest cable television provider in the United States that did not carry either channel (and the last remaining major pay TV provider not to carry them as Cablevision reached an agreement with the network on August 16).[284]
23	ABC hosts the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. This event, which was telecast live in all time zones, also marked the first time in its 64-year history that the four major over-the-air broadcast networks did not receive any nominations in three of the five main categories: Outstanding Drama Series, Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series and Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series.[285]
24	Gray Television signs on low-power WECP-LD/Panama City, Florida to serve as the CBS affiliate for the market. The station replaces WTVY/Dothan, Alabama as the de facto affiliate for the Panama City area (a designation WTVY held due to that station's city-grade signal coverage in Panama City proper).[246][286][287]
	Willie Geist is named co-host of the 9 a.m. hour of NBC's *Today*, replacing now-7 to 9 a.m. co-host Savannah Guthrie. Geist will reduce his duties at MSNBC as a result: stepping down as host of the cable news channel's morning program *Way Too Early*, and continuing to appear on *Morning Joe* in a reduced capacity.[288]

	ESPN's *SportsCenter* records a 5.0 overnight Nielsen rating leading out of a controversial ending to the *Monday Night Football* telecast between the Green Bay Packers and Seattle Seahawks. The rating is the highest for the sports news program in its 33-year history.[289]
27	Bayou City Broadcasting announces the sale of its eight stations (Fox affiliates KXVA/Abilene and KIDY/San Angelo, Texas, MyNetworkTV affiliate KIDZ-CD/Abilene and four other low-power stations) to London Broadcasting Company (the sale price was initially undisclosed). The sale marks a temporary exit from the broadcasting industry for the company's owner DuJuan McCoy, who plans on acquiring network-affiliated stations in mid-sized markets larger than San Angelo and Abilene.[290]
	Fox Sports Net announces its Southern California affiliates Fox Sports West, Prime Ticket and Fox Sports San Diego have reached a new long term carriage deal to exclusively broadcast Big West Conference college sports.[291]
28	During coverage of a police pursuit that started with 33-year-old Jodon Romero carjacking a vehicle in Phoenix, ending near I-10 outside Salome, Arizona, Fox News Channel inadvertently broadcasts Romero's suicide from a handgun shot to the head. *Studio B* anchor Shepard Smith issued an on-air apology minutes later for the broadcast delay error made by FNC's master control that led to the suicide being shown live on-air (through a helicopter feed from Fox-owned Phoenix station KSAZ-TV).[292][293][294]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	Time Warner Cable launches two Los Angeles-based regional sports networks, TWC SportsNet and TWC Deportes. The networks serve as exclusive homes to the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers. TWC Deportes broadcasts in Spanish, the first RSN to do so.[295] Time Warner Cable SportsNet later announces that it will provide Korean language audio of Los Angeles Lakers games via secondary audio programming beginning with the 2012–13 regular season, becoming the first English-language television network to offer play-by-play of sporting events in an Asian dialect.[296]
	Comcast SportsNet Houston, the newest affiliate of Comcast SportsNet, co-owned by the Houston Astros, Houston Rockets, and NBCUniversal, launches.[297] As a result, the teams' previous rights owner Fox Sports Houston was shut down four days later.[298]

2	CBS affiliate WKBT/La Crosse, Wisconsin makes headlines when morning news anchor Jennifer Livingston responds to an e-mail sent to her by a viewer about her weight, who she later criticizes on air after she perceived the e-mail as bullying and calls the viewer out for making the statement.[299] Livingston later received an apology from the viewer for the message.[300]
3	Gray Television signs on low-power CBS affiliate WSVF-LD/Harrisonburg, Virginia. Harrisonburg was previously unserved by an in-market CBS affiliate with WUSA/Washington, D.C. available as a default affiliate on cable and satellite.[286]
4	Cablevision and The Walt Disney Company reach an agreement to continue distribution of Disney-owned cable channels across Cablevision system footprint and ABC stations WABC and WPVI in the respective New York City and Philadelphia markets. The deal includes carriage of the planned ABC News/Univision news channel (set to launch in 2013), online service ESPN3, 3DTV channel ESPN 3D, expanded video-on-demand offerings and the ability for customers to view live streams of ESPN, Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior programming online, on tablet computers and mobile devices through authentication apps (with apps for ABC and ABC Family forthcoming).[301]
8	Narrowly averting a blackout, Gannett Company reaches a long-term carriage agreement with Dish Network for all 23 of its television stations to remain on the satellite provider. The deal was reached despite reported contentious demands made by Gannett for Dish to disable its controversial AutoHop ad-skipping feature (which is currently involved in a separate copyright infringement lawsuit) on its digital video recorders or pay a "massive penalty" of a 300% increase in carriage fees (claims that Gannett publicly denied).[302]
9	Viacom strikes a deal to add programming from two additional networks to Hulu: the Hulu Plus subscription service adds current season episodes of Nickelodeon's original programming with the five most recent episodes available, and new episodes added 21 days after their original airdate (in addition to being the first U.S.-based children's network and Viacom's fifth cable channel whose program content is available on Hulu, it is Nickelodeon's second streaming deal as the channel's programming is available on Netflix).[303] Programming from Spanish-language network Tr3s will also become available on its Hulu Latino service.[304]
11	DirecTV announces the release of the Genie digital video recorder, which among its features allows the simultaneous recording of up to five TV shows on up to 8 connectable TV sets, client boxes, gaming or Blu-ray consoles from a single receiver (with recording storage of up to 200 hours of high definition and 800 hours of standard definition programs); recommends shows based on past TV viewing habits; timer-records shows up to two weeks in advance

	and the ability to view a show's 5 most recent episodes.[305]
12	After a 17-year run, Fox Sports announces that Speed will no longer air Formula One racing events after the 2012–13 season due to Speed being outbid for the U.S. broadcast rights. While no word has been made on where Formula One telecasts will land domestically, it is expected that the rights will migrate to NBC Sports Network in 2013, as they were the high bidder.[306]
	The Federal Communications Commission votes to end a law banning cable providers from encrypting the signals of basic cable channels, effectively closing a loophole that lets many households watch basic cable channels for free. The move is cited as a way to reduce cable theft and reduce the number of visits by cable technicians to disconnect television service.[307]
	Retirement Living TV enters into a carriage agreement that will allow the channel (which is aimed at adults age 50+) to be available on Time Warner Cable and co-managed Bright House Networks systems. Both cable providers will carry the channel as part of their digital cable tiers by the end of 2012.[308]
14	Providence Equity Partners divests its 10% ownership stake in the streaming website Hulu to site co-owners News Corporation, Comcast and The Walt Disney Company for $200 million.[309]
15	NASCAR and Fox Sports announce an eight-year multiplatform agreement that will retain Fox's broadcast rights to NASCAR racing events through 2022. The agreement will retains all existing event telecast rights, but gives Fox rights to live stream all races, as well as highlights and pre- and post-race coverage to customers of participating cable and satellite providers online and through mobile devices starting in 2013.[310]
	A Tennessee U.S. District Court dismisses a racial discrimination lawsuit against Warner Horizon Television and producers of ABC's *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, citing that casting contestants for the shows for whatever reason is protected by the First Amendment. Filed in April by rejected applicants Nathaniel Claybrooks and Christopher Johnson (both African-American), the suit noted the lack of minority contestants and the complete absence of non-white Bachelors and Bachelorettes in the 24 cumulative cycles of both series, believing that the producers have done so to avoid potential controversy from anyone opposed to interracial relationships.[311]
	Shield Media purchases ABC affiliate WLAJ/Lansing, Michigan from Sinclair Broadcast

	Group for $14.4 million. Under the terms of the sale agreement, WLAJ's operations will be turned over to Young Broadcasting under a shared services agreement, creating a virtual triopoly with CBS affiliate WLNS-TV (which Young owns outright) and MyNetworkTV affiliate WHTV (operated through a joint sales agreement with Venture Technologies Group).[312]
	Wichita, Kansas native Tamara Feldman reprises her role as Poppy Lifton in the *Gossip Girl* episode *High Infidelity*, her first one since *The Wrath of Con*, which aired May 4, 2009 on The CW.
21	With Dish Network's attempt to win their trial against AMC Networks over removal of the Voom HD Networks suite falling apart, Dish Network settles out of court with AMC for $700 million and video and data spectrum rights in several major markets, and signs a long-term carriage agreement with AMC Networks. AMC returns on the same day (in concert with the season three premiere a week before of *The Walking Dead*), with the remainder of AMC's networks to return November 1.[313]
22	The Federal Communications Commission denies a request filed by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and Hawaiian Telcom that would have declined My Family TV affiliate KLEI-TV/Kailua-Kona, Hawaii carriage on both systems. The decision resulted from a must-carry complaint filed by Mauna Kea Broadcasting Company, Inc. (which purchased KLEI in 2011), after being rebuffed by both companies for carriage of the station.[314]
	Roberts Broadcasting sells CW affiliate WRBJ/Jackson, Mississippi to the Trinity Broadcasting Network. The station, which signed on in 2006, will replace its secular programming with TBN's religious programs after the sale closes. It is unclear as to who will pick up the CW affiliation in Jackson after the sale.[315]
23	CBS Television Distribution announces that it will rename its syndicated entertainment news program *The Insider* as *omg! Insider* in January 2013, through a partnership with Yahoo!'s celebrity news and gossip website omg!. The rebranded program will retain hosts Kevin Frazier and Brooke Anderson, but will also feature talent and entertainment columnists from Yahoo! as contributors.[316]
	Rural Media Group (owners of RFD-TV and Rural TV) announces the purchase of FamilyNet from Interactive Television and Gaming Networks. Under the deal, Rural TV (which launched in the United States in February 2012) will merge its programming fully with the FamilyNet schedule starting on January 1, 2013, though weekend preview programming

	featuring Rural TV content will already premiere as of October 27.[317]
24	The CW signs its first video-on-demand carriage agreement with a pay television provider through a deal with Comcast. The deal allows customers to watch the four most-recent episodes of the network's primetime shows on Comcast's Xfinity On Demand service, with new episodes available the day after their original airdate. The CW On Demand, which is accessible to subscribers at no additional charge, debuted on Comcast systems nationwide on October 25.[318]
	NBCUniversal announces that it will revamp its NBC Nonstop news-and-lifestyle multicast network into Cozi TV on January 1, 2013, which will combine original programs both produced solely for its local affiliates and those produced to air nationally on the network, with classic TV shows and movies from the company's library.[319]
25	Ratings-challenged cable news channel Current TV, started in 2005 by Al Gore and Joel Hyatt, puts itself up for sale.[320]
	Columbus, Ohio's ESPN Radio affiliate WBNS-FM (which is also the home station for Ohio State Buckeyes football) terminates their morning host Scott Torgerson after he made a tweet on October 13 that he wished that ESPN personality Desmond Howard would "get fired or die" so he can watch *College GameDay* again. The comments, which later went viral and resulted in an condemnation from Desmond's on-air colleague and former Ohio State quarterback Kirk Herbstreit on the station, resulted in WBNS suspending Torgerson on October 17.[321]
26	Cablevision and Tribune Broadcasting agree to a new retransmission consent agreement over two months after stations in Cablevision's service area were pulled. WPIX's primetime news audience had fallen by nearly two-fifths due to the dispute.[322][323]
28	NBCUniversal gains the U.S. broadcast rights to English Premier League in a three-year deal (lasting until 2016) that will cost $80 million per year to televise the soccer league's games on NBC, NBC Sports Network and possibly on some of the company's other cable outlets (such as Bravo and USA Network).[324]
29	NBC announces that struggling sophomore sitcom *Up All Night* will transition from a single-camera to a multi-camera format filmed in front of a live studio audience. The show is expected to make the transition following a three-month production hiatus after filming of the

	second season's 11th episode, with episodes to air in the new format in Spring 2013.[325]
	Univision signs a 10-year deal for Spanish and Portuguese language rights to CONCACAF coverage.[326]
	In the wake of Hurricane Sandy affecting the Eastern United States, ABC,[327] CBS and The CW[328] and NBC[329] all alter their schedules to bring complete coverage of the storm.
31	Fox Sports New Orleans, the newest affiliate of Fox Sports Net launches becoming the new exclusive home of the NBA's New Orleans Hornets.[104]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Luken Communications (in a joint venture with Jim Owens Entertainment) relaunched The Nashville Network as an over-the-air digital multicast network, resurrecting the brand and country music-oriented format of the old cable network that existed from 1983 to 2000 (a general entertainment channel now known as Spike).[330]
2	NBC and a large number of its affiliate channels broadcast *Hurricane Sandy: Coming Together*, a telethon to benefit relief efforts in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.[331]
	Time Warner Cable inks a deal to carry beIN Sport and beIN Sport en Español on both its flagship service and on its co-managed Bright House Networks cable systems. Both networks will also be viewable to authenticated subscribers through TWC's and beIN's website and mobile applications as well as on Bright House's streaming app. Availability of both channels will vary depending on market.[332]
4	Nexstar Broadcasting Group acquires CBS affiliate KGPE/Fresno and the Bakersfield duopoly of NBC affiliate KGET and Telemundo affiliate KKEY-LP from Newport Television for $35.4 million (the deal is separate from its acquisition of 10 Newport-owned stations on July 19). Under a separate deal, Nexstar also acquires the Burlington, Vermont virtual duopoly of Fox affiliate WFFF-TV and ABC affiliate WVNY from Smith Media for $17.1 million (Mission Broadcasting subsidiary will operate WVNY under a shared services agreement upon the

	sale's closure).[333]
	NBCUniversal expands rights to on-demand content through a carriage renewal with Cablevision, that will allow the cable provider's subscribers access to live streams of NBCUniversal's cable and broadcast networks online and across mobile platforms for the first time.[333]
	CBS Corporation, long a holdout from entering into content agreements with streaming services, strikes a non-exclusive, multi-year licensing agreement that will allow programs owned by the company to be streamed on the Hulu Plus subscription service. Programs made available on the site will come from CBS Television Distribution's library of 2,600 shows, generally consisting of series no longer in first-run broadcast.[334]
8	A preliminary injunction request filed by Fox against Dish Network's AutoHop digital video recorder is rejected in a Los Angeles U.S. District Court on grounds that Fox was unlikely to be able to prove that it suffered irreparable harm from the technology that allows subscribers to skip over commercial advertisements.[335]
9	Denali Media Holdings (a subsidiary of General Communication, Inc.) purchases three television stations in Alaska: CBS affiliate KTVA/Anchorage from Alaska Broadcasting Co./Media News Group, and NBC affiliate KATH-LD/Juneau and its Sitka translator KSCT-LP from North Star Broadcasting.[336][337]
	Lockwood Broadcast Group purchases WMAK/Knoxville, Tennessee from Daystar Television Network subsidiary Word of God Fellowship for $2.95 million. The sale will create a duopoly (the first in the Knoxville television market) with CW affiliate WBXX-TV. If the FCC approves the sale, WMAK's callsign will be changed to WKNX and the station will likely drop Daystar programming to become a commercial outlet.[338][339]
13	CBS Sports Network enters into a two-year broadcast rights agreement with the Arena Football League (assuming rights from the NFL Network), in which the channel will carry 19 regular season (including the league's Saturday night game of the week) and two playoff games starting with the AFL's 2013 season, and will allow sister broadcast network CBS to carry the ArenaBowl championship game.[340]
15	Actress Lisa Whelchel, who is currently competing in *Survivor: Philippines*, reveals that she has contracted the West Nile virus, although she did not reveal if it happened before

	appearing on or during the show.[341]
	United States Vice President Joe Biden makes history as the first sitting US Vice President to appear in an acting role on an American television series, playing himself in a cameo of the *Parks and Recreation* Season 5 episode "Leslie Vs. April", in which Ben Wyatt (played by Adam Scott) surprises fiancee Leslie Knope (played by Amy Poehler) with a gift to meet Biden, whom Leslie cited as her top favorite she wanted to meet on her "Celebrity Sex List."[342]
20	Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash resigns from *Sesame Street* amid allegations of sexually abusing underage boys.[343]
	The main anchor team for Bangor, Maine's ABC affiliate WVII-TV and sister Fox station WFVX-LP, both owned by Rockfleet Broadcasting, both resign on-air at the end of the day's 6pm newscast. Cindy Michaels, who was also the station's news director, and Tony Consiglio cited conflicts with both the upper management at the station itself and with Rockfleet, along with treatment of the staff in deciding to leave the station.[344][345]
	News Corporation purchases a 49% stake in YES Network, the cable TV home of the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Nets.[346]
21	After what he cites as a rocky relationship on and off the set with the production crew and staff, Chevy Chase has announced that he will leave *Community* before the end of the fourth season, appearing in only 11 of the shortened 13 episode order.[347]
	Gray Television, the owners of KOLN/Lincoln, Nebraska, will acquire KSNB/Superior from Colins Broadcasting, for $1.25 million and is seeking a 'failed station waiver', which will allow the acquisition to occur.[348]
22	Top 40/CHR WDCG/Raleigh-Durham (owned by Clear Channel Communications) issues an apology to the city of Raleigh, its mayor Nancy McFarlane, the Greater Raleigh Merchants Association and CBS affiliate WRAL after a float featuring an African American man dressed as an angel hanging from a Christmas tree sponsored by WDCG was featured in WRAL's telecast of their annual Christmas Parade on November 17. The float, which also featured WDCG morning stars *Bob and the Showgram*, was blasted by officials and parade goers as a depiction of a lynching, and as a result of this incident the producer of WDCG's morning show, who did not approve of the float's concept, was terminated. WRAL GM Jennifer Martin has been assured that WDCG will not allow any more displays that could be seen as racially

	offensive in future events sponsored by WRAL.[349]
26	It is reported Fox Sports will rebrand Speed as Fox Sports 1 in August 2013 as a competitor to ESPN.[350]
	Roberts Media acquires NBC affiliate KMTR/Eugene and its satellite stations from Newport Television for $8.5 million. Fisher Communications, which also owns KVAL-TV in the market, will operate KMTR under a shared services agreement upon the sale's closure.[351]
29	Former NBCUniversal CEO and *Katie* producer Jeff Zucker is named President/CEO at CNN, replacing Jim Walton, who will leave in January 2013.[352]
	Fox Television Stations has agreed to sell its MyNetworkTV station, WUTB/Baltimore to Deerfield Media for $2.7 million. Sinclair Broadcast Group (which owns Fox affiliate WBFF) will operate the station through a local marketing agreement (Sinclair also operates CW affiliate WNUV, owned by Cunningham Broadcasting).[353]
30	Avoiding a Midnight deadline, Gannett Company has reached an retransmission consent agreement with DirecTV to air its 23 television stations on its satellite carrier.[354]

December[edit]

Date	Event
1	The TV Parental Guidelines (in use since January 1997) expand further onto the internet as ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, Univision, Telemundo and Telefutura begin providing content rating information on all full-length programs, except for news, that are streamed online (content rating information is already provided during streaming program content from NBC, ABC, and Fox on their respective websites as well as Hulu and Netflix).[355]
3	Sinclair Broadcast Group announced it will acquire WHAM/Rochester, New York from Newport Television for $54 million. This announcement comes after Sinclair, Nexstar and Cox completed the July acquisitions of the Newport stations.[356]

10	Univision Communications signs an agreement to carry Bounce TV as a digital multicast channel on its stations in San Francisco, Boston, Tampa, Miami, Denver, Sacramento and Raleigh.[357]
	In anticipation of its 50th anniversary, Comcast adopts the NBC Peacock logo, last used at NBCUniversal in 2011, as its new corporate logo, which is in a new font and without its classic crescent C.[358]
11	In response to the death of Larry Hagman, the producers of *Dallas* announce that J.R. Ewing will be killed off in the revival's second season instead of replaced by a different actor.[359]
12	The Viewability Rule, in effect since 2007 and requires hybrid, analog-digital cable systems to offer viewers TV broadcast signals in an analog format so that viewers with old analog sets can continue to receive them under the "must-carry" guidelines, ends after failing to reach a vote on a 3-month extension. Since the rule is gone, viewers with analog TV sets may need a set-top box to continue to receive the stations.[360]
	12-12-12: The Concert for Sandy Relief aired on 39 channels.[361]
13	The FCC begins enforcement of the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act (or "CALM Act"), passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010, which requires broadcasters and cable operators to ensure the volume level of commercials is consistent with that of the program it is appears on.[362]
	Fox affiliate WUPW/Toledo disappears from Buckeye CableSystem as the result of an ongoing legal dispute between the station's owner American Spirit Media, Raycom Media (owner of WUPW's CBS-affiliated SSA partner WTOL) and Buckeye over allegations that the two station owners wanted a rate increase from the cable provider to continue carriage of WUPW's signal.[363]
14	Due to the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, Syfy pulls an episode of *Haven* scheduled to air that night because it involved a high school shooting.[364] Fox also pulled that week's episodes of *Family Guy* and *American Dad!*, stating that they were trying to "avoid potentially insensitive content".[365]
18	The A.C. Nielsen Co. announces that they will acquire Arbitron, bringing together two of

	America's largest rating services. The deal, which has been approved by the boards of both companies, is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory review.[366]
20	NBCUniversal Television Distribution launches a new retro subchannel network called Cozi TV on NBC's owned-and-operated stations, replacing NBC Nonstop. The network will also be offered to other stations outside the NBC O&O group starting in 2013.[367]
	Gray Television, the owners of WTVY/Dothan, Alabama, will acquire low-power station, WDON-LP from New Moon Communications, for $60,000.[368]
25	The Washington Metropolitan Police Department announces that an investigation will be conducted into whether NBC News correspondent David Gregory violated Washington, D.C. gun laws when he displayed what he described as a 30-round magazine as part of a December 23 *Meet the Press* interview with National Rifle Association president Wayne LaPierre. Under D.C. law, possessing a large capacity ammunition device (such as a magazine) within the city is illegal if the device holds more than 10 rounds of ammunition and also specifies the large devices are illegal regardless of whether or not they're attached to a firearm. The reason behind this investigation is due to NBC having a news office and an O&O (WRC-TV) inside the D.C. city limits, which also houses the studios of *Meet The Press*.[369]
28	Fox Sports Networks acquires SportsTime Ohio from Larry Dolan. The move gives Fox Sports Ohio the exclusive broadcast rights to Cleveland Indians baseball, Cleveland Browns football, Ohio High School Athletic Association football and basketball playoffs and championships, and Mid-American Conference events.[370]
31	After four years, the Tribune Company, owners of WGN-TV/Chicago and WPIX/New York, among other media properties, emerges from chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.[371]
	Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks (which negogiates alongside TWC) drop Ovation from their systems upon the expiration of its carriage agreement with the cable provider. The removal is the result of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks' decisions to discontinue carriage of lower-rated cable channels in an attempt to help lower monthly rates for its subscribers.[372]
	Charter Communications and The Walt Disney Company announce a long-term distribution agreement for the majority of their networks and ABC O&O stations, including the addition of WatchESPN rights, Disney Junior, ESPN Buzzer Beater/Goal Line, the Longhorn

	Network and the upcoming ABC/Univision cable news channel for Charter customers.[373]
	Comcast and NBC announce a long-term carriage agreement for their cable networks and owned NBC and Telemundo stations with the National Cable Television Cooperative representing the nation's smaller cable companies.[374]
	ABC airs *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve* for the first time since Dick Clark's death earlier this year. The annual program, which continued into January 1, began with a two-hour primetime retrospective to Clark, who had hosted the program since its inception in 1972, featuring archive performances from past years and from *American Bandstand*. Ryan Seacrest, who has co-hosted since 2005, succeeds him as sole host.[375]

Programs[edit]

Debuts[edit]

The following is a list of shows that premiered in 2012.

Due to the economic slowdown, there were notably fewer television pilots in 2012 than in the years immediately prior to that, which reduced the number of roles available for actors.[376]

The fall of 2012 also mirrored 1992 in the volume of new daytime talk shows. The new talk roster will include shows hosted by first-timers Katie Couric, Steve Harvey, Jeff Probst, and Bethenny Frankel (Frankel's show had a Summer trial run on six Fox Television Stations after an earlier effort to gain a wider fall clearance failed, and will launch nationwide next fall).[377][378] New talk shows will also feature Trisha Goddard (who hosted a talk show in her native United Kingdom) and Ricki Lake (whose new show will take a more mature tone compared to her 1993–2004 series).[379]

The first ever television series to be produced in English and Spanish simultaneously, *Justice for All with Judge Cristina Pérez*, which is being produced by Entertainment Studios, began to air on both English and Spanish language broadcasting outlets starting in September.[380]

Start date	Show	Channel	Ref.
January 1	*Oprah's Next Chapter*	OWN	[381]
	Rachael vs. Guy: Celebrity Cook-Off	Food Network	[382]
January 2	*Early Start*	CNN	[383]

	Starting Point		[384]
January 3	*Jane by Design*	ABC Family	[385]
	Work It	ABC	[386]
January 8	*The Firm*	NBC	[387]
	House of Lies	Showtime	[388]
January 10	*Shipping Wars*	A&E	[389]
January 11	*Are You There, Chelsea?*	NBC	[390]
January 12	*¡Rob!*	CBS	[391]
	The Finder	Fox	[392]
January 15	*Napoleon Dynamite*		[392]
January 16	*Alcatraz*		[392]
	Betty White's Off Their Rockers	NBC	[393]
	Fred: The Show	Nickelodeon	[394]
	The Revolution	ABC	[395]
January 17	*ReModeled*	The CW	[396]

January 19	*Unsupervised*	FX	[397]
January 20	*On Freddie Roach*	HBO	[398]
January 25	*Touch*	Fox	[392]
January 26	*Fat Chef*	Food Network	[399]
January 27	*Spartacus: Vengeance*	Starz	[400]
February 4	*How to Rock*	Nickelodeon	[401]
February 6	*Smash*	NBC	[402]
February 7	*The River*	ABC	[386]
February 12	*Comic Book Men*	AMC	[403]
	Full Metal Jousting	History	[404]
February 18	*Melissa Harris-Perry*	MSNBC	[405]
February 27	*Lab Rats*	Disney XD	[406]
March 1	*Awake*	NBC	[407]
March 4	*GCB* (a.k.a. *Good Christian Bitches*)	ABC	[386]
March 11	*Shahs of Sunset*	Bravo	[408]

March 13	*Fashion Star*	NBC	[409]
March 15	*Missing*	ABC	[410]
March 21	*Bent*	NBC	[411]
March 23	*Doc McStuffins*	Disney Junior	[412]
March 25	*Leave It to Niecy*	TLC	[413]
March 29	*The Pauly D Project*	MTV	[414]
April 3	*Holliston*	Fearnet	[415]
	No Kitchen Required	BBC America	[416]
April 4	*Hit Music Central USA*	NBC Nonstop	[417]
	Best Friends Forever	NBC	[418]
April 5	*Scandal*	ABC	[419]
April 6	*Magic City*	Starz	[420]
April 8	*The Client List*	Lifetime	[421]
April 11	*Don't Trust the Bitch in Apartment 23*	ABC	[419]
April 14	*The Legend of Korra*	Nickelodeon	[419]

April 15	*Girls*	HBO	[422]
	NYC 22	CBS	[423]
April 19	*Kathy*	Bravo	[419]
April 22	*Veep*	HBO	[422]
April 30	*The Pitch*	AMC	[424]
May 8	*United Stats of America*	History	[404]
May 11	*Common Law*	USA Network	[425]
May 20	*Mrs. Eastwood & Company*	E!	[426]
May 24	*Duets*	ABC	[427]
May 25	*Mystery Diners*	Food Network	[428][429]
May 28	*The High Fructose Adventures of Annoying Orange*	Cartoon Network	[430]
May 31	*Breaking Pointe*	The CW	[431]
June 2	*Care Bears: Welcome to Care-a-Lot*	The Hub	[432]
	Kaijudo: Rise of the Duel Masters		[433]
June 7	*Saving Hope*	NBC	[434]

	Tron: Uprising	Disney XD	[435]
June 8	*Lives on Fire*	OWN	[436]
June 9	*Million Dollar Neighborhood*		
June 11	*Bethenny*	Fox O&O	[378]
	Bunheads	ABC Family	[437]
June 12	*World's Worst Tenants*	Spike	[438]
June 13	*Dallas*	TNT	[439]
June 15	*Gravity Falls*	Disney Channel	[440]
June 18	*The Glass House*	ABC	[441]
June 19	*Bristol Palin: Life's a Tripp*	Lifetime	[442]
June 20	*The Soul Man*	TV Land	[443]
	Baby Daddy	ABC Family	[437]
	School Spirits	Syfy	[444]
June 21	*Snooki & Jwoww*	MTV	[445]
June 24	*The Great Escape*	TNT	[126]

	The Newsroom	HBO	[446]
June 25	*The Cycle*	MSNBC	[447]
June 28	*Anger Management*	FX	[448]
	Brand X with Russell Brand		
July 1	*Shark Wranglers*	History	[449]
July 8	*Bounty Wars*	Discovery Channel	[450]
	Big Ang	VH1	[451]
July 9	*Perception*	TNT	[126]
July 10	*Trust Us with Your Life*	ABC	[452]
	NY Med		[453]
July 11	*Beverly Hills Nannies*	ABC Family	[437]
	Picked Off	History	[454]
July 12	*Property Wars*	Discovery	[455]
July 15	*Small Town Security*	AMC	[456]
July 19	*Great Lake Warriors*	History	[457]

	Sullivan & Son	TBS	[458]
July 26	*Code: 9*	Disney Channel	[459]
July 29	*Black Dynamite*	Adult Swim	[460]
July 30	*NFL AM*	NFL Network	[461]
August 7	*DreamWorks Dragons*	Cartoon Network	[462]
August 8	*Go On*	NBC	[463]
August 11	*Boogeyman*	SyFy	[464]
August 12	*Animal Practice*	NBC	[463]
	Insane Coaster Wars	Travel Channel	[465]
	High School Moms	TLC	[466]
August 13	*Hotel Hell*	Fox	[467]
	Major Crimes	TNT	[126]
	Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja	Disney XD	[468]
August 14	*The Week the Women Went*	Lifetime	[469]
	The Burn with Jeff Ross	Comedy Central	[470]

	Counting Cars	History	[471]
August 15	*Toy Hunter*	Travel Channel	[472]
	Oh Sit!	The CW	[473]
August 16	*The Next: Fame Is at Your Doorstep*		[474]
August 19	*Copper*	BBC America	[475]
	Married to Jonas	E!	[476]
August 20	*The Inbetweeners*	MTV	[477]
August 25	*WWE Saturday Morning Slam*	The CW	[478]
	Vortexx		
September 3	*Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*	PBS	[479]
September 4	*Highway Thru Hell*	Discovery	[480]
	Steve Harvey	Syndication	[481]
September 9	*Breaking Amish*	TLC	[482]
September 10	*The Jeff Probst Show*	Syndication	[483]
	Katie		[484]

	The Ricki Lake Show		[485]
September 11	*The New Normal*	NBC	[463]
September 12	*America's Car Show*	WBBZ-TV	[486]
September 17	*The Mob Doctor*	Fox	[487]
	Revolution	NBC	[463]
	Justice for All with Judge Cristina Perez	Syndication	[488]
	Trisha		[489]
September 18	*Hot Set*	SyFy	[490]
September 19	*How Booze Built America*	History	[491]
September 20	*Bling It On*	TLC	[492]
September 21	*Secret Princes*		[493]
September 22	*Ben 10: Omniverse*	Cartoon Network	[494]
	Mr. Box Office	First-run syndication	[495]
	The First Family		[495]
September 24	*$24 in 24*	Food Network	[496]

	Making it in America	HLN	[497]
	Partners	CBS	[498]
September 25	*Vegas*	CBS	[498]
September 25	*Ben and Kate*	Fox	[487]
September 25	*The Mindy Project*	Fox	[487]
September 26	*Guys with Kids*	NBC	[463]
September 26	*The Neighbors*	ABC	[499]
September 27	*Last Resort*	ABC	[499]
September 27	*Elementary*	CBS	[498]
September 28	*Made in Jersey*	CBS	[498]
September 28	*Flea Market Flip*	HGTV	[500]
September 29	*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*	Nickelodeon	[501]
September 30	*666 Park Avenue*	ABC	[499]
September 30	*Destination Fear*	Travel Channel	[502]
October 1	*Marie*	Hallmark Channel	[503]

October 2	*Airport 24/7: Miami*	Travel Channel	[504]
	Oprah: Where Are They Now?	OWN	[505]
	Overhaulin'	Velocity	[506]
October 3	*Life After Top Chef*	Bravo	[419]
	WWE Main Event	Ion Television	[507]
October 9	*Mash Up*	Comedy Central	[508]
	Abby's Ultimate Dance Competition	Lifetime	[509]
October 10	*Chicago Fire*	NBC	[463]
	Nashville	ABC	[499]
	Arrow	The CW	[510]
October 11	*Beauty & the Beast*		[510]
October 12	*Dog with a Blog*	Disney Channel	[511]
October 13	*This Is How I Made It*	MTV	[512]
October 14	*See Dad Run*	Nick at Nite	[513]
October 16	*Emily Owens, M.D.*	The CW	[510]

	The Men Who Built America	History	[514]
	Extreme Cheapskates	TLC	[515]
	Underemployed	MTV	[516]
October 17	*My Life is a Lifetime Movie*	Lifetime	[517]
October 22	*Dr. Drew On Call*	HLN	[518]
	Totally Clueless	MTV	[519]
October 24	*The Houstons: On Our Own*	Lifetime	[520][521]
	A-List Listings	E!	[522]
October 26	*Health Inspectors*	Food Network	[523]
	Jungle Gold	Discovery	[524]
November 2	*Malibu Country*	ABC	[499]
November 5	*Start-Ups: Silicon Valley*	Bravo	[525][526]
November 6	*Caught Red Handed*	TruTV	[527]
November 10	*Wedding Band*	TBS	[528]
	Chainsaw Gang	CMT	[529]

	Littlest Pet Shop	The Hub	[530]
November 12	*Catfish: The TV Show*	MTV	[516]
November 13	*Little People Big World: Wedding Farm*	TLC	[531]
	Mankind: The Story of All of Us	History	[532]
November 23	*Killer Karaoke*	TruTV	[533]
November 24	*Marvin Marvin*	Nickelodeon	[534]
November 25	*Sugar Dome*	Food Network	[535]
November 28	*Love You, Mean It with Whitney Cummings*	E!	[536]
December 9	*Sin City Rules*	TLC	[537]
December 10	*Take It All*	NBC	[538]
December 12	*Amish Mafia*	Discovery	[539]
December 15	*6 Little McGhees*	OWN	[540]
December 19	*Cheer Perfection*	TLC	[541]
December 28	*Teen Trouble*	Lifetime	[542]

Network changes[edit]

The following shows will air new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes:

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Ref.
The Ultimate Fighter	Spike	FX	[543]
Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan	Nat Geo	Nat Geo Wild	[544]
The Bill Cunningham Show	Syndication	The CW	[545]
Hollywood Heights	Nick at Nite	TeenNick	[546]
World's Wildest Police Videos	FOX	Spike	[547]
BBQ Pitmasters	TLC	Destination America	[548]
Ancient Aliens	History	H2	[549]

Returning[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	Retitled as/same	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Ref.
CBS This Morning	1999	CBS	Same	Same	January 9	[9]
The Wonderful World of Disney	2008	ABC	*The Magical World of Disney Junior*	Disney Junior	March 23	[550]
Punk'd	2007	MTV	Same	Same	March 29	[551]

Cartoon Planet	2000	Cartoon Network			March 30	[552]
Dancin' On Air	1987	Syndication		WPHL-TV	March 31	[553]
World's Wildest Police Videos	2001	Fox		Spike	May 7	[554]
Hollywood Squares	2004	Syndication	*Hip Hop Squares*	MTV2	May 22	[555]
Toonami	2008	Cartoon Network	Same	Same	May 26	[102]
Figure It Out	1999	Nickelodeon			June 11	[556]
Dallas	1991	CBS		TNT	June 13	[126]
Pyramid	2004	Syndication	*The Pyramid*	GSN	September 3	[557]
The Joy Behar Show	2011	HLN	*Joy Behar: Say Anything!*	Current TV	September 4	[558]
Ricki Lake	2004	Syndication	*The Ricki Lake Show*	Same	September 10	[559]
TV's Bloopers & Practical Jokes	2007	ABC	*Bloopers*	Syndication	September 15	[560]
Cristina's Court	2009	Syndication	*Justice for All with Judge Cristina*	Same	September 17	[380]

			Pérez			
Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday		NBC	Same		September 20	[561]
Overhaulin'		TLC		Velocity	October 2	[506]

Milestone episodes[edit]

Show	Network	Episode#	Episode Title	Episode air date	Ref.
NCIS	CBS	200th	"Life Before His Eyes"	February 7	[562]
The Simpsons	Fox	500th	"At Long Last Leave"	February 19	[563]
The Rachael Ray Show	Syndication	1000th	none	February 20	[564]
Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	NBC	300th	"Manhattan Vigil"	October 24	[565]

Programs ending in 2012[edit]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Ref.
January 6	*Wizards of Waverly Place*	Disney Channel	2007	Ended	[566]
January 7	*The Early Show*	CBS	1999		[9]

January 8	*All-American Muslim*	TLC	2011	Canceled	[567]
January 10	*Work It*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[568]
January 13	*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*	ABC	2003	Ended	[569]
January 13	*One Life to Live*	ABC	1968	Canceled	[570]
January 19	*Man, Woman, Wild*	Discovery Channel	2010	Canceled	[571]
January 22	*Prime Suspect*	NBC	2011	Canceled	[572]
January 26	*Bakugan Battle Brawlers*	Cartoon Network	2007	Ended	[573]
January 27	*Jim Rome Is Burning*	ESPN2	2003	Ended	[574]
January 27	*Chuck*	NBC	2007	Ended	[575]
January 30	*Who's Still Standing?*	NBC	2011	Canceled	[576]
February 9	*Money & Power*	Fox Business Network	2010	Canceled	[577]
February 9	*Follow The Money*	Fox Business Network	2010	Canceled	[577]
February 9	*Freedom Watch*	Fox Business Network	2010	Canceled	[577]
February 10	*The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret*	IFC	2010	Ended	[578]
February 17	*The Life & Times of Tim*	HBO	2008	Canceled	[579]

	Secret Mountain Fort Awesome	Cartoon Network	2011		
February 19	*Pam Am*	ABC	2011		[580]
March 1	*Rob*	CBS	2011		[581]
March 2	*A Gifted Man*	CBS	2011		[582]
March 4	*Napoleon Dynamite*	Fox	2012		[583]
March 20	*I Hate My Teenage Daughter*	Fox	2011		[584]
March 20	*The River*	ABC	2011		[585]
March 24	*Luck*	HBO	2011		[586]
March 25	*So Random!*	Disney Channel	2011		[587]
March 26	*Alcatraz*	Fox	2012		[588]
March 28	*Are You There, Chelsea?*	NBC	2012		[589]
March 29	*Countdown with Keith Olbermann*	Current TV	2011		[590]
March 30	*The Rosie Show*	OWN	2011		[591]
March 31	*Ben 10: Ultimate Alien*	Cartoon Network	2010	Ended	[592]

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May 10	*The Secret Circle*	The CW	2011		[607]
May 11	*The Finder*	Fox	2012		[608]
	Martha	Hallmark Channel	2005		[609]
May 13	*Desperate Housewives*	ABC	2004	Ended	[610]
May 14	*Make It or Break It*	ABC Family	2009		[611]
May 17	*Missing*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[612]
	Special Agent Oso	Disney Junior	2009	Ended	
May 18	*Who Do You Think You Are?*	NBC	2010	Canceled	[613]
May 21	*House*	Fox	2004	Ended	[614]
May 23	*Jungle Junction*	Disney Junior	2009		
May 24	*The Nate Berkus Show*	Syndication	2010	Canceled	[615]
	Awake	NBC	2012		[616]
May 27	*Harry's Law*		2011		[617]
June 1	*Best Friends Forever*		2012		[618]
June 15	*Fairly Legal*	USA	2011		[619]

June 22	*The Dylan Ratigan Show*	MSNBC	2009		[620]
June 23	*How to Be a Gentleman*	CBS	2011		[621]
June 24	*Dog the Bounty Hunter*	A&E Network	2004		[622]
June 29	*John King, USA*	CNN	2009		[623]
July 6	*The Revolution*	ABC	2012		[624]
July 14	*The Firm*	NBC			[625]
July 16	*Fear Factor*		2011		[626]
	Eureka	Syfy	2006	Ended	[627]
July 19	*Duets*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[628]
July 29	*3*	CBS			[629]
July 31	*Jane by Design*	ABC Family			[630]
August 3	*Fred: The Show*	Nickelodeon			
August 5	*The Fairly OddParents* (returned in 2013)		2001		
August 10	*Tyler Perry's House of Payne*	TBS	2006		[631]
	Common Law	USA	2012		[632]

August 11	*NYC 22*	CBS			[633]
August 13	*The Closer*	TNT	2005	Ended	[634]
August 18	*TheCW4Kids*	The CW	2008	Ended	
August 28	*Teen Mom*	MTV	2009	Ended	[635]
August 29	*Political Animals*	USA	2012	Canceled	[636]
September 1	*Must Love Cats*	Animal Planet	2011	Canceled	
September 9	*Drop Dead Diva*	Lifetime	2009	Canceled	[637]
September 10	*Bachelor Pad*	ABC	2010	Canceled	[638]
September 12	*Damages*	Audience Network	2007	Ended	[639]
September 16	*Weeds*	Showtime	2005	Ended	[640]
October 5	*Made in Jersey*	CBS	2012	Canceled	[641]
October 24	*Animal Practice*	NBC	2012	Canceled	[642]
November 12	*Partners*	CBS	2012	Canceled	[643]

November 23	*iCarly*	Nickelodeon	2007	Ended	[534]
December 2	*Kick Buttowski: Suburban Daredevil*	Disney XD	2010		
December 8	*How to Rock*	Nickelodeon	2012	Canceled	[644]
December 17	*Gossip Girl*	The CW	2007	Ended	[645]
December 20	*Jersey Shore*	MTV	2009		[646]
December 25	*Leverage*	TNT	2008	Canceled	[647]

Movies and miniseries[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel	Ref.
January 7	*Fixing Pete*	Hallmark Channel	[648]
	Walking the Halls	Lifetime	[649]
January 13	*Frenemies*	Disney Channel	[650]
January 14	*A Taste of Romance*	Hallmark Channel	[648]
	Sexting in Suburbia	Lifetime	[649]
January 21	*Drew Peterson: Untouchable*		[649]

January 28	*The Pregnancy Project*		[649]
	Goodnight for Justice: The Measure of a Man	Hallmark Channel	[651]
January 29	*A Smile as Big as the Moon*	ABC	[652]
February 4	*Cupid*	Lifetime	[653]
February 11	*Secrets of Eden*	Hallmark Channel	[648]
February 17	*Radio Rebel*	Disney Channel	[654]
February 25	*Black Forest*	Syfy	[655]
	Gretl: Witch Hunter		
March 3	*Blue-Eyed Butcher*	Lifetime	[656]
March 10	*Of Two Minds*		[657]
	Game Change	HBO	[658]
March 17	*Leprechaun's Revenge*	Syfy	[659]
April 14	*Titanic*	ABC	[660]
April 21	*Space Twister*	Syfy	[661]
April 22	*Firelight*	ABC	[662]

April 28	*Alien Tornado*	Syfy	[661]
May 5	*Treasure Island*		[663]
May 13	*Notes from the Heart Healer*	Hallmark Channel	[664]
May 19	*Lake Effects*		[665]
May 20	*Kiss at Pine Lake*		[664]
	Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt	CBS	[666]
May 26	*Super Shark*	Syfy	[667]
May 28	*Hatfields and McCoys*	History	[404]
	Hemingway & Gellhorn	HBO	[668]
	Rags	Nickelodeon	[669]
June 9	*Hannah's Law*	Hallmark Channel	[664]
	Jersey Shore Shark Attack	Syfy	[670]
June 15	*Let It Shine*	Disney Channel	[671]
June 16	*Blue Lagoon: The Awakening*	Lifetime	[672]
	Operation Cupcake	Hallmark Channel	[673]

	Piranhaconda	Syfy	[670]
June 23	*Arachnoquake*		[670]
	Big Baboon House	Nat Geo Wild	[674]
June 30	*Bigfoot*	Syfy	[670]
July 8	*Puppy Love*	Hallmark Channel	[664]
July 15	*How to Fall in Love*		
	Political Animals	USA Network	[425]
July 21	*Always a Bride*	Hallmark Channel	[664]
	An Officer and a Murderer	Lifetime	[675]
August 4	*The Week the Women Went*		[676]
August 12	*The Music Teacher*	Hallmark Channel	[677]
August 19	*Cedar Cove*		[664]
August 25	*Strawberry Summer*		
October 6	*Abducted: The Carlina White Story*	Lifetime	[678]
October 7	*Steel Magnolias*		[679]

October 13	*American Horror House*	SyFy	[680]
October 20	*The Girl*	HBO	[681]
October 27	*Rise of the Zombies*	SyFy	[680]
November 3	*The Eleventh Victim*	Lifetime	[682]
November 4	*Left to Die*		[682]
	Love at the Thanksgiving Parade	Hallmark	[683]
November 10	*The Wishing Tree*		[683]
November 17	*Matchmaker Santa*		[683]
November 25	*Liz & Dick*	Lifetime	[684]

Television stations[edit]

Launches[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Ref.
June 2	Saint Joseph, Missouri	KNPN-LD	26.1	Fox	[116]
September 1	Parkersburg, West Virginia	WOVA-LD	22.1		[286][685]
		WIYE-LD	47.1	CBS	[286]
September 24	Panama City, Florida	WECP-LD	18.1		[286][287]

October 23	Atlantic City, New Jersey	WACP	4.1	Independent	[686]

Closures[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Sign-on date	Ref.
August 31	Tupelo, Mississippi	WKDH	45.1	ABC	June 18, 2001	[687]

Network affiliation changes[edit]

The following is a list of television stations that have made or will make noteworthy network affiliation changes in 2012. In addition to the changes listed below, other stations were affected by the move of Universal Sports from an over-the-air to cable/satellite network,[688] with affiliated stations either moving to other services (including some NBC O&O stations, which added the network's *Nonstop*-branded information channel) or letting the channel go dark.

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Ref.
January 1	Jackson, Tennessee	WBBJ-DT3	7.3	Weather radar	CBS (primary), MeTV (secondary)	[689]
January 23	Boise, Idaho	KTRV-TV	12.1	Independent	MyNetworkTV	[690]
February 17	Dallas, Texas	KTXD-TV	47.1		MeTV	[691]
April 2	Paducah, Kentucky	WPSD-TV	6.2	Weather forecasts	Antenna TV	[692]
April 8	Biloxi, Mississippi	WLOX	13.2	Weather radar	CBS	[693]

May 21	Honolulu, Hawaii	KHNL	13.2	NBC Plus	Antenna TV	[694]
		KUPU	56.1	Antenna TV	Independent	
June 11	Hattiesburg, Mississippi	WDAM-TV	7.2	This TV	ABC	[695]
June 24	Portland, Oregon	KATU	2.2		Me-TV	[696]
June 25	Biloxi, Mississippi	WXXV	25.2	MyNetworkTV (moves to cable only status)	NBC	[697]
July 1	Pocatello/Idaho Falls, Idaho	KFXP	31.1	Fox	This TV	[92][698]
		KXPI-LD	24.1	MyNetworkTV (moves to secondary status)	Fox (primary)	[698]
	Twin Falls, Idaho	KXTF	35.1	Fox	This TV	[93][698]
		KTWT-LP	43(.1)	MyNetworkTV (moves to secondary status)	Fox (primary)	[699]
August 1	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	WBWT-LP	38	Azteca América	MundoFox	[216]
	Salt Lake City,	KBTU-	23			[216]

	Utah	LP				
August 6	Greensboro, North Carolina	WXII-TV	12.2	This TV	MeTV	[700]
August 13	Dallas, Texas	KFWD	52.1	Independent	MundoFox	[701]
	Fresno, California	KGMC	43.1			[702]
	Los Angeles, California	KWHY-TV	22.1	Spanish independent		[703]
	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	KOHC-CD	45.1	Azteca América (moves to 45.2)		[704]
	Miami, Florida	WJAN-CD	41.1	Spanish independent		[702]
September 1	Tupelo, Mississippi	WTVA	9.2	MeTV	ABC (moves from WKDH-TV)	[239]
September 3	Sacramento, California	KCRA-TV	3.2	Independent	MeTV	[705]
September 17	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	KAUT-TV	43.1	MyNetworkTV	Independent (primary), Antenna TV(secondary)	[706]
		KSBI	52.1	Independent	MyNetworkTV	[707][708]
October 3	Harrisonburg, Virginia	WSVF-CA	43.1	Religious independent	CBS	[286]

				(as repeater of WAZT-CA/Woodstock, Virginia)		

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
Jan 2	Jim Huber	67	Anchor/reporter for CNN and CNN/SI (*The Sporting Life*, *Pro Golf Weekly*); announcer and essayist for Turner Sports	[709]
Jan 13	Richard Threlkeld	74	Reporter for CBS News and ABC News; anchor of *CBS Morning News* (1977–79)	[710]
Jan 20	Etta James	73	Singer/songwriter ("At Last")	[711]
Jan 22	Dick Tufeld	85	Announcer (ABC Daytime and several shows), on-air personality (KABC-TV), and voiceover actor (the robot on *Lost in Space*)	[712]
Jan 24	James Farentino	73	Actor (*The Bold Ones: The Lawyers*, *Blue Thunder*)	[713]
Jan 26	Robert Hegyes	60	Actor (*Welcome Back, Kotter*, *Cagney & Lacey*)	[714]
Jan 28	Ian Abercrombie	77	Actor (*Seinfeld*, *Wizards of Waverly Place*)	[715]
Jan 29	John Rich	86	Emmy-winning director (*The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *All in the Family*, *Benson*)	[716]
Jan 31	Leslie Carter	25	Actress, singer and reality TV personality (*House of*	[717]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
			Carters)	
Feb 1	Don Cornelius	75	TV host (the creator and first host of *Soul Train*)	[718]
Feb 3	Ben Gazzara	81	Actor (*Run for Your Life*, *An Early Frost*, *Hysterical Blindness*)	[719]
Feb 6	Peter Breck	82	Actor (*Maverick*, *Black Saddle*, *The Big Valley*)	[720]
Feb 8	Philip Bruns	80	Actor (*The Jackie Gleason Show*, *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*)	[721]
	Laurie Main	89	Actor (*Welcome to Pooh Corner*)	[722]
Feb 11	Whitney Houston	48	Singer, actress, and producer (*Cinderella*, 2-time host of the *Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards*, performance appearances including *Dancing with the Stars* and *Saturday Night Live*, and commercial pitch work including Diet Coke)	[723]
Feb 24	Jan Berenstain	88	Co-author of the *Berenstain Bears* book franchise, which was adapted into an American and Canadian animated TV series	[724]
Feb 29	Davy Jones	66	British actor and musician (*The Monkees*)	[725]
March 1	Andrew Breitbart	43	Political commentator and frequent pundit for several TV networks who broke the Anthony Weiner sexting scandal story and the controversial story that resulted in the forced Resignation of Shirley Sherrod	[726]
March	Garry Walberg	90	Actor (*Peyton Place*, *Quincy, M.E.*)	[727]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
27				
March 28	Earl Scruggs	88	Musician and actor (co-sang the theme song to *The Beverly Hillbillies*)	[728]
April 5	Gil Noble	80	Reporter/anchor for WABC-TV/New York; host of *Like It Is*	[729]
April 7	Mike Wallace	93	Journalist for CBS News, original correspondent on the network's *60 Minutes* program	[730]
April 9	Barry Cahill	90	Actor (*The Young and the Restless*)	[731]
April 14	Jonathan Frid	87	Canadian actor (*Dark Shadows*)	[732]
April 15	Paul Bogart	92	TV and film director (*All in the Family*, *Get Smart*, *The Defenders*)	[733]
April 18	Dick Clark	82	TV host (*The Dick Clark Show*, *Pyramid*, *American Bandstand*, *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*) and producer (Dick Clark Productions)	[734]
April 29	Joel Goldsmith	54	Composer (*Stargate Atlantis*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Stargate Universe*)	[735]
April 30	George Murdock	81	Actor (*Barney Miller*, *The X-Files*)	[736]
May 2	Junior Seau	43	Football player for the San Diego Chargers, Miami Dolphins and New England Patriots (*Sports Jobs with Junior Seau*)	[737]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
	Digby Wolfe	82	British-born writer (*Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*), actor, and singer	[738]
May 4	Bob Stewart	91	Game show producer, creator of *To Tell the Truth*, *Password*, and *The Price Is Right* for Goodson–Todman and *Pyramid*, among a dozen other shows, for his own company	[739]
May 6	George Lindsey	83	Actor (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *Mayberry R.F.D.*, *Hee Haw*)	[740]
May 8	Maurice Sendak	83	Children's book and television writer (*Little Bear*, *Seven Little Monsters*, *Really Rosie*, various segments for *Sesame Street*)	[741]
May 12	Ruth Foster	92	Actress (Little House on the Prairie)	
May 17	Donna Summer	63	Singer/songwriter (guest appearances on *Family Matters* and *Hollywood Squares*, performance appearances including *American Idol* and *America's Got Talent*)	[742]
May 20	Eugene Polley	96	Engineer for Zenith Electronics (1935–82) and inventor of the wireless remote control for TV	[743]
May 22	Janet Carroll	71	Actress (*Married... with Children*, *Melrose Place*, *Murphy Brown*)	[744] [745]
May 23	Al Gordon	89	TV writer (*The Jack Benny Program*, *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*, *The Flip Wilson Show*, *The Carol Burnett Show*)	[746]
May 24	Lee Rich	93	Co-founder and chairman of Lorimar Television	[747]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
May 25	William Hanley	80	Playwright and TV writer (*Flesh and Blood*, *Something About Amelia*, *The Attic: The Hiding of Anne Frank*)	[748]
May 29	Jim Paratore	59	Telepictures production executive and American television producer (*TMZ on TV* and *Lopez Tonight*)	[749]
	Dick Beals	85	Voice actor (*The Gumby Show*, *Davey and Goliath* and the voice of "Speedy Alka-Seltzer" in long-running Alka-Seltzer ad campaign)	[750]
June 2	Kathryn Joosten	72	Character actress (Kathryn McCluskey on *Desperate Housewives*)	[751] [752]
	Richard Dawson	79	British-American actor (*Hogan's Heroes*, *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, *The New Dick Van Dyke Show*) and game show personality (*Match Game*, *Family Feud*)	[753]
June 4	Eduard Khil	77	Russian singer whose vocalised song, known in the U.S. as "Trololo", received extensive television exposure in 2010	[754]
June 5	Ray Bradbury	91	Horror, mystery, science fiction and fantasy writer (*The Ray Bradbury Theater*, *The Martian Chronicles*)	[755]
June 6	Lillian Gallo	84	Producer (*The Stranger Who Looks Like Me*, *Hustling*, *I Know What You Did* and *Duel*)	[756]
June 10	Frank Cady	96	Actor and commercial pitchman (Sam Drucker on *Petticoat Junction* and *Green Acres*)	[757]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
	Judy Freudberg	62	*Sesame Street* writer who co-created the sketch *Elmo's World*, popularizing its "host" Elmo	[758]
June 11	Ann Rutherford	94	Canadian-American film and TV actress (*Perry Mason*, *Love, American Style*, *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *The Bob Newhart Show*, *Kraft Television Theatre*)	[759]
June 15	Yvette Wilson	48	Actress and comedian (*Moesha*, *The Parkers*, *Thea*)	[760]
June 16	Dan Dorfman	82	Former CNBC financial journalist	[761]
June 26	Nora Ephron	71	TV/print media journalist, actress, author, blogger, playwright, screenwriter, and director (*Adam's Rib*, *Hopeless Pictures*)	[762]
	Doris Singleton	92	Actress (most notable for playing Carolyn Appleby on *I Love Lucy*)	[763]
June 27	Don Grady	68	Actor and musician (*My Three Sons*, *The Mickey Mouse Club*)	[764]
July 3	Andy Griffith	86	Actor and musician (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *The New Andy Griffith Show*, *The Headmaster*, *Salvage 1* and *Matlock*)	[765]
	Julian Goodman	90	News journalist, producer, and broadcasting executive (President of NBC from 1966 to 1974)	[766]
July 8	Ernest Borgnine	95	Actor (*McHale's Navy*, *Airwolf*, and a recurring role as Mermaid Man on *SpongeBob SquarePants*)	[767]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
July 13	Ginny Tyler	86	Actress (hosted segments of the *Mickey Mouse Club* for syndication, voice roles in *Space Ghost and Dino Boy* and *Davey and Goliath*)	[768]
	Richard D. Zanuck	77	Film director and producer (produced the *72nd Academy Awards* telecast in 2000 and *CBS Summer Playhouse*)	[769]
July 15	Celeste Holm	95	Actress (*Nancy*, guest starring roles in *Wonder Woman* and *The Fugitive*)	[770]
July 16	William Asher	90	Director/writer (directed *I Love Lucy*, *Bewitched*; co-creator of *The Patty Duke Show*)	[771]
	Kitty Wells	92	Country music artist (co-host of *The Kitty Wells/Johnnie Wright Family Show*, solo host of *The Kitty Wells Show*)	[772]
July 19	Tom Davis	59	Writer (*Saturday Night Live*)	[773]
July 24	Sherman Hemsley	74	Actor, best known as George Jefferson on *All in the Family* and its spinoff *The Jeffersons*, Deacon Ernest Frye on *Amen*, and the voice of B.P. Richfield on *Dinosaurs*	[774]
July 25	Chad Everett	75	Actor (*Medical Center*, *Surfside 6*)	[775]
July 26	Lupe Ontiveros	69	Actress (*Greetings from Tucson*, *Desperate Housewives*)	[776]
July 27	Norman Alden	87	Actor, known as the voice of Aquaman in *Super Friends* (1973–74), and *The All-New Super Friends Hour* (1977–78)	[777]
	Russ	86	Director (*In the Heat of the Night*)	[778]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
	Mayberry			
August 7	Marvin Hamlisch	68	Broadway, film, music, stage and television composer, musician, songwriter and actor, and one of eleven performers to win an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and a Grammy (the theme song for *Late Night with David Letterman* and two Barbra Streisand specials)	[779]
	Judith Crist	90	TV and film critic for TV Guide and *Today*	[780]
August 9	Al Freeman, Jr.	78	Actor (was the first African-American to win a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor for his portrayal of Ed Hall on *One Life to Live* in 1979)	[781]
August 13	Kathi Goertzen	54	TV anchor/reporter (KOMO-TV/Seattle)	[782]
August 14	Ron Palillo	63	Actor (Arnold Horshack on *Welcome Back, Kotter*)	[783]
	Phyllis Thaxter	92	Actress (*Lux Video Theatre*, *Climax!*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *The F.B.I.*)	[784]
August 15	Biff Elliot	89	Actor (guest appearances: *Cannon*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Mission: Impossible*)	[785]
August 16	William Windom	88	Actor (*My World and Welcome to It*, *The Farmer's Daughter*, *Murder, She Wrote*)	[786]
August 17	Joey Kovar	29	Reality TV personality (appeared on the 2008 season of MTV's *The Real World*)	[787]
August	Tony Scott	68	Director/producer (produced *NUMB3RS*, *The Good*	[788]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
19			*Wife*, *Gettysburg* and *AFP: American Fighter Pilot*)	
August 20	Phyllis Diller	95	Comedian and actress (*The Beautiful Phyllis Diller Show*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Family Guy*)	[789]
August 23	Jerry Nelson	78	Puppeteer and voice actor (with The Muppets starting in 1970, *Fraggle Rock*, characters: Count von Count on *Sesame Street*, 1969 to 2004, and voice from 2004 until 2012)	[790]
August 24	Steve Franken	80	Actor (*The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, *Tom, Dick and Mary*, *Bewitched*, *Love, American Style*)	[791]
	Claire Malis	69	Actress (Dorian Lord on *One Life to Live* from 1977 to 1979, Rose Polniaczek on *The Facts of Life*)	[792]
August 25	Neil Armstrong	82	Astronaut who became the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969. An estimated 500 million people worldwide watched this event, the largest television audience for a live broadcast at that time.[793]	[794]
August 27	Russell Scott	91	Children's TV host (star of *Blinky's Fun Club* on KKTV/Colorado Springs from 1958 to 1966 and from 1966 to 1998 on KWGN-TV/Denver)	[795]
Sep 1	Sun Myung Moon	92	Korean leader of the Unification Church and its associated international business conglomerate; owned American Life Network from 2001 to 2009	[796]
Sep 3	Michael Clarke Duncan	54	Actor (*The Finder*)	[797]
Sep 10	Lance LeGault	77	Actor (*The A-Team*, *Airwolf*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Werewolf*)	[798]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
Sep 14	Stephen Dunham	48	Actor (*Hot Properties*, *Oh, Grow Up*, *DAG*, *What I Like About You*)	[799]
Sep 15	John Ingle	84	Actor (Edward Quartermaine on *General Hospital* from 1993 to 2004 and 2006 to 2012, Mickey Horton on *Days of Our Lives* from 2004 to 2006)	[800]
Sep 18	Steve Sabol	69	President and co-founder of NFL Films, whose clips are used on *Inside the NFL* and various NFL Network shows.	[801]
Sep 23	Henry Champ	75	Canadian-born journalist for NBC News as well as Washington, D.C.-based reporter for Canada's CTV and CBC	[802]
Sep 25	Andy Williams	84	Singer (hosted the variety series *The Andy Williams Show* from 1962 to 1971 and annual *Happy New Year, America* in the 1980s)	[803]
Sep 26	Johnny Lewis	28	Actor (*Sons of Anarchy*, *Quintuplets*)	[804] [805]
Sep 28	Michael O'Hare	60	Actor (Commander Jeffrey Sinclair in *Babylon 5*, *One Life to Live*)	[806]
	Chris Economaki	91	Motorsports commentator and journalist (NASCAR and Formula One for ABC Sports from 1961 to 1984, CBS Sports from 1984 to 1995, ESPN from 1987 to 1988; ESPN's *SpeedWeek* and TBS' *Motorweek Illustrated*)	[807]
	Winrich Kolbe	71	German-born director (*Magnum, P.I.*, *Star Trek: The Next*	[808]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
			Generation, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Star Trek: Voyager*)	
Oct 6	John Rovick	93	Children's program host (portrayed Sheriff John as host of *Cartoon Time* and *Sheriff John's Lunch Brigade* on KTTV/Los Angeles from 1952 to 1970, and the station's staff announcer at its 1949 sign-on until 1981)	[809]
Oct 8	Ken Sansom	85	Actor and voice actor (voice of Rabbit in *The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* (1988–91); he would continue to voice the character until 2009)	[810]
Oct 10	Beano Cook	81	College football commentator (served as a studio commentator for ABC from 1982 to 1985 and for ESPN from 1986 to 2012; employed as media director for ABC from 1966 to 1974)	[811]
	Alex Karras	77	Actor and defensive tackle for the Detroit Lions (George Papadapolis in *Webster* and serving as an analyst for *Monday Night Football*)	[812]
Oct 13	Gary Collins	74	Actor and host (*Hour Magazine* from 1980 to 1988, ABC's *Home* from 1989 to 1994, the 1982 to 1990 Miss America Pageants)	[813]
Oct 21	George McGovern	90	Politician and humanitarian (South Dakota Senator from 1962 to 1980, a Democratic presidential candidate in the 1968, 1972 and 1984 elections; guest hosted *Saturday Night Live* in 1984)	[814]
Oct 22	Russell Means	72	Actor and Native American activist (TNT miniseries *Into the West*, *Banshee*)	[815]
Oct 25	Emanuel	68	Hall of Fame boxing trainer, analyst on HBO	[816]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
	Steward		Boxing telecasts since 2001	
Oct 26	Natina Reed	32	Actress, rapper, singer, teen idol and songwriter in the R&B trio Blaque (guest appearances on *V.I.P.*)	[817] [818]
Oct 28	Alan Kirschenbaum	51	Comedy writer, TV producer and creator (*Yes, Dear*, *My Name Is Earl*, *Raising Hope*)	[819]
Nov 5	Joel Connable	39	TV anchor and reporter (WLTX/Columbia, South Carolina, KCBS–KCAL/Los Angeles, WTVJ/Miami, NBC News as a fill-in anchor for *Early Today* and at MSNBC; had joined KOMO-TV/Seattle as a weekend anchor shortly before his death)	[820] [821]
Nov 7	Frank Peppiatt	85	Canadian TV producer, writer and creator (co-creator of *Hee Haw*)	[822]
Nov 8	Lucille Bliss	96	Voice actress (*Crusader Rabbit*, *The Smurfs* and *The Jetsons*)	[823]
Nov 16	Jefferson Kaye	75	Announcer (*Action News* at WPVI/Philadelphia and various NFL Films telecasts)	[824]
Nov 21	Deborah Raffin	59	Actress (*7th Heaven*, the miniseries *Noble House*)	[825]
	Emily Squires	71	Director and screenwriter (*Sesame Street*, *As the World Turns*, *Guiding Light*, *Search for Tomorrow*, *The Secret Storm*, *Between the Lions*)	[826]
	Art Ginsburg	81	TV chef and author (most notable for his "Mr. Food" segments seen throughout the United States during newscasts on local television stations)	[827]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
Nov 23	Larry Hagman		Actor, producer and director (J.R. Ewing on *Dallas* and its revival series, Anthony "Tony" Nelson on *I Dream of Jeannie*)	[828]
Nov 24	Héctor Camacho	50	Puerto Rican boxer and reality television personality (appeared as a contestant on Univision's *Mira Quien Baila* in 2010)	[829]
Dec 1	Reinhold Weege	62	Producer/writer (creator of *Night Court*, and served as writer for *Barney Miller* and *M*A*S*H*)	[830]
Dec 5	Eileen Pollock	86	Writer and producer (*Dynasty*, *The Colbys*)	[831]
Dec 8	Jenni Rivera	43	Mexican-American singer-songwriter, actress and reality television personality/producer (*I Love Jenni*, *Jenni Rivera Presents: Chiquis and Raq-C*, *Chiquis 'n Control*, *La Voz... México*)	[832]
Dec 10	Paul Rauch	78	TV/film producer (executive producer for *Another World*, *One Life to Live*, *Santa Barbara*, *Guiding Light*, co-executive producer on *The Young and the Restless*)	[833]
Dec 12	Joe Allbritton	87	Founder of Allbritton Communications Company.	[834]
	Don Medford	95	Director (*Tales of Tomorrow*, *The F.B.I.*, *Dynasty*)	[835]
Dec 22	Cliff Osmond	75	Actor (appearances include *The Twilight Zone*, *Gunsmoke*, *Matt Houston*)	[836]
Dec 24	Jack Klugman	90	Actor (*The Odd Couple*, *Quincy, M.E.*)	[837]
	Charles	89	Actor (*Rescue Me*, *Evening Shade*)	[838]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Ref.
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Dec 27	Harry Carey, Jr.	91	Actor (*The Adventures of Spin and Marty*, *Have Gun – Will Travel*, *Gunsmoke*, *Police Woman*)	[839]

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January[edit]

Date	Event
2	The Al Jazeera Media Network announces that they will acquire Current TV from an ownership group fronted by Al Gore and Joel Hyatt, with the intention to replace it with an American version of its Al Jazeera News network later in 2013.[1] The announcement becomes the catalyst in Time Warner Cable's decision to drop Current TV from its systems, as TWC plans to drop several channels due to low viewership and to contract renegotiations within the year.[2][3]
	Cox Communications removes eight stations owned by Raycom Media in six markets due to a retransmission dispute. The markets affected were Cleveland (two stations), Baton Rouge, Tucson, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Richmond (two stations), and Panama City, Florida.[4]
5	For the first time since 2002, VH1 changes its logo font (VH+1, with the H+ mashed together) and adopts several new slogans such as "We Complete You", to reflect their conversion to a broader entertainment channel.[5] VH1 Classic and VH1 Soul did not have logo changes. Also, Food Network changed their logotype to a slightly less-serifed type of lettering the following day.[6]
7	Univision Communications rebrands its TeleFutura network as UniMás.[7]
8	ESPN issues an apology involving Brent Musburger's comments he made about Alabama quarterback A. J. McCarron and his girlfriend, Katherine Webb, during the telecast of the 2013 BCS National Championship Game.[8] A week later, Musberger said, live and on the air, that sideline reporter Holly Rowe was "smoking hot".[9]
	ABC moves *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* to the 11:35 p.m. (ET) slot, putting it in direct competition with NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and CBS's *Late Show with David Letterman*. *Nightline* moves to the 12:35 a.m. (ET) timeslot and will expand to a primetime hour-long edition that will air on Friday nights in the 9 p.m. (ET) timeslot starting in March.[10]
10	After only one season, Britney Spears announces that she will leave *The X Factor* (amid rumors and tensions between her and the show after the conclusion of the second season) to

	return to recording.[11]
11	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces it will sell CW affiliate WLWC/Providence, Rhode Island to OTA Broadcasting, LLC for $13.75 million, pending FCC approval.[12]
14	CBS affiliate WBKB-TV in Alpena, Michigan, the only commercial television station in its market, begins carrying ABC programming on its third digital subchannel, giving the Alpena market its first full-time ABC affiliate.[13]
15	Communications Corporation of America announces its intent to sell all 25 of its stations in ten markets located in Texas, Louisiana, and Indiana.[14][15]
16	Former Democratic United States Congressman and Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich joins Fox News Channel as a political analyst and contributor.[16]
17	OTA Broadcasting purchases My Family TV affiliate WYCN-LP/Nashua, New Hampshire from New Hampshire 1 Network, Inc. for $4.1 million. Under the deal, New Hampshire 1 Network (run by Bill Binnie, whose Carlisle One Media owns independent station WBIN-TV in nearby Derry) will continue to operate the station upon consummation of the sale.[17]
18	NRJ TV acquires 2 stations owned by Titan Broadcast Management. It acquires Estrella TV affiliate KTNC/San Francisco for $13.5 million and independent station KUBE/Houston for $19 million. Titan will continue to operate both stations upon the sale's consummation. The acquisition of KTNC will create a legal duopoly in the San Francisco market with MundoFox affiliate KCNS (which was bought by NRJ, a company which Titan holds a minority equity stake, for $15 million in 2011).[18]
	Time Warner Cable announces that they will no longer accept ads for guns or any form of firearms on all its cable systems. The move comes after an ad from the National Rifle Association (which in turn was a response to a plan that is being implemented by the Obama Administration to issue a ban on assault weapons in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting) began airing on The Sportsman Channel, which TWC happens to offer on their systems[19]
20	Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice joins CBS News as a contributor/commentator.[20]

24	Fox affiliate WXXA/Albany officially discontinues its 5 and 11 p.m. newscasts, concentrating instead on its morning and 10 p.m. newscasts. The move is related to WXXA's shared services agreement with ABC affiliate WTEN, which has its own newscasts at 5 and 11 p.m.[21]
	After years of being "bumped" due to the show "running out of time", Matt Damon exacts revenge on Jimmy Kimmel by taking over as host of this date's airing of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*[22]
25	Sarah Palin parts ways with Fox News Channel after a three-year stint as a contributor.[23] The separation is short-lived, as Palin rejoins Fox News on June 13.[24]
28	Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers confirm the formation of a new regional sports network, SportsNet LA, in partnership with Time Warner Cable. The network, whose content will be controlled by the Dodgers, will air Dodgers broadcasts beginning in 2014 (a 25-year deal estimated at $7–8 billion and subject to MLB approval), supplanting incumbent rightsholders Prime Ticket and KCAL-TV.[25]
	Fox Television Stations announces its purchase of the Capitol Broadcasting-owned duopoly in the Charlotte market: WJZY (The CW) and WMYT-TV (MyNetworkTV).[26][27] The $18 million deal, which is completed on April 17, leads to the end of WCCB's 27-year run as Charlotte's Fox affiliate, with the network's programming moving to WJZY on July 1 (WCCB takes over CW affiliation on that date).[28][29][30]
31	Married political analysts James Carville and Mary Matalin parts ways with CNN, both citing the network's desire to move in a new direction and to focus on other projects.[31]
	After seven seasons and 138 episodes, *30 Rock* aired its final two episodes, "Hogcock!" and "Last Lunch", which featured a cameo from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and a nod to the final scene from *St. Elsewhere* in which NBC programming president (and revealed to be immortal) Kenneth Parcell (Jack McBrayer) is pitched a pilot for a sitcom, aptly named *30 Rock*, by Liz Lemon's (Tina Fey) great-granddaughter 100 years in the future.[32]

February[edit]

Date	Event
3	CBS airs Super Bowl XLVII, which includes a 34-minute power outage in the third quarter, a

	surprise reunion of Destiny's Child during the halftime show,[33]and a Baltimore Ravens victory over the San Francisco 49ers by a score of 34–31.[34] With an estimated 108.4 million viewers, it ranked third on the most-watched list, behind Super Bowls XLIV and XLVI.[35]
4	Fox affiliate KLRT/Little Rock discontinued its weeknight 10 p.m. newscast, while in turn debuting a new weekday morning newscast and reducing the hour-long 5 p.m. newscast to a half-hour 5:30 p.m. show. This is related to KLRT and its CW-affiliated sibling KASN forming a outsourcing agreement with Nexstar Broadcasting (owners of NBC affiliate KARK and MyNetworkTV affiliate KARZ), forming a virtual quadropoly, in which all four will be based in KARK's studios.[36]
	CBS' *Hawaii Five-0* aired an updated remake of the original series' sixth-season episode "Hookman", using the same scripts and locations from the 1973 broadcast. The episode was directed by Peter Weller, who also played the amputee sniper (that was originally played by real-life amputee actor Jay J. Armes) who has a hatred for Honolulu Police Department officers by targeting the individuals, including Commander Steve McGarrett (Alex O'Loughlin), whose father, in this version of the remake, was responsible for his loss of his hands.[37]
5	Fox News Channel announces that it has dropped political analyst Dick Morris from the network and will not renew his contract. Morris believed that the decision by Fox to drop him can be traced to his "prediction" that Mitt Romney would beat Barack Obama in a landslide during the 2012 Election, only to be proven wrong by the network on election night.[38]
6	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces its acquisition of NBC affiliate KSEE/Fresno, California from Granite Broadcasting for $26.5 million. The station will be operated in tandem with CBS affiliate KGPE, which it acquired in 2012 from Newport Television, through a time brokerage agreement until the sale is approved.[39]
	Nexstar also settles a lawsuit against Granite Broadcasting that alleged that the latter company controlled advertising sales through its carriage of five network affiliations on two Fort Wayne, Indiana stations (WISE-TV and co-managed WPTA), resulting in that market's Fox affiliation returning to WFFT-TV from WISE's second subchannel on March 1, reversing a 2011 switch that resulted from a dispute between Nexstar and Fox over retransmission compensation.[40][41]
	After announcing in 2012 that they would exercise their option to buy six stations from Sinclair Broadcast Group, Fox Television Stations decides to pass on acquiring any of the stations.[42] However at the same time, Sinclair announces that they are looking to add more stations to

	the 87 they own or operate in 47 television markets.[43]
	Catamount Broadcasting agrees to sell CBS affiliate KHSL/Chico, California to GOCOM Media, LLC for $7 million. The deal includes its local marketing agreement with NBC affiliate KNVN (owned by Evans Broadcasting).[44]
8	Charter Communications acquires cable provider Optimum West from Cablevision Systems Corporation for $1.6 billion. The sale closed during the third quarter of 2013 with Optimum West customers directed to Charter's site thereafter.[45]
11	The Emergency Alert System infrastructure of CBS affiliate KRTV/Great Falls, Montana is broken into with a false audible warning of a zombie apocalypse over both the main signal and their CW digital subchannel, along with a request to tune into 920 AM – a station that does not exist in Great Falls – for more information (an audio recording of this incident that was broadcast February 12 on WIZM-FM/La Crosse, Wisconsin simultaneously set off the EAS receiver of CBS affiliate WKBT).[46][47] The station quickly denied the EAS warning was true, suggesting a hacker invasion into the EAS system.[48] A similar EAS intrusion incident took place hours later in Marquette, Michigan, when PBS member station WNMU and ABC affiliate WBUP had the same message carried over both stations' signals.[49][50]
12	Comcast announces it will purchase the remaining 49% stake of NBCUniversal from General Electric for $16.3 billion, ending 27 years of GE's ownership of NBC in some capacity.[51]
13	LIN Media rescinds its 24% ownership stake in (de facto) NBC owned-and-operated stations KXAS-TV/Fort Worth-Dallas and KNSD/San Diego, paying NBCUniversal a $100 million withdrawal from the joint venture involving the two stations.[52]
	Former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, who turned down an offer to run for the seat that was vacated by John Kerry in the special election, joins Fox News Channel as a contributor/analyst.[53] A day later, Herman Cain also joins the network for the same duties as well.[54]
	Upstart company Rural Broadband Investments (created though a partnership with private equity firm GTCR) acquires cable provider New Wave Communications, which serves rural areas of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Arkansas, from Pamlico Capital. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.[55]

14	CBS Corporation acquires a minority ownership interest in event-oriented cable channel AXS TV (joining stakes owned by Mark Cuban, Anschutz Entertainment Group, Ryan Seacrest Media and the Creative Artists Agency in the joint venture). The specific percentage of CBS' stake in the network was not disclosed.[56]
16	All seven stations owned by Grant Broadcasting System II disappear from Dish Network due to a dispute over retransmission consent|retransmission fees (markets affected by the blackout are Huntsville, Alabama, Davenport, Iowa (two stations), Roanoke, Virginia (two stations) and La Crosse, Wisconsin).[57]
18	Reflecting the new direction of CNN under the leadership of new network president Jeff Zucker, the 'flipper' ticker on the bottom of the screen, which displayed headlines from CNN.com's RSS feeds, is replaced with a traditional scrolling news ticker, returning the scroll to CNN for the first time since 2008.[58]
19	16-year-old Prince Michael Jackson I joins *Entertainment Tonight* as their new correspondent, making him the youngest reporter ever in the 32-year history of the program. However, due to his status as a minor, his role will be on a limited basis.[59]
	Another former political veteran switches jobs to television, as Barack Obama's former campaign advisor and former journalist David Axelrod joins NBC News and MSNBC as their political analyst/commentator.[60]
24	The 85th Academy Awards telecast makes history when First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama announces the winner for Best Picture (*Argo*) live from the White House.[61]
25	Cox Media Group sells its four small market television stations in El Paso, Texas, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Reno, Nevada and Steubenville, Ohio to Sinclair Broadcast Group for $99 million. Cox is selling these stations in order to focus on its larger market stations.[62] Concurrently, Deerfield Media will acquire the license assets of Reno's KAME-TV, which has long been operated by Cox, from Ellis Communications.[63] Sinclair also announced the formation of a subsidiary, Chesapeake Television, which will focus on smaller markets such as those served by the four former Cox stations.[63][64]
	Hubbard Broadcasting acquires MyNetworkTV affiliate WNYA/Pittsfield, Massachusetts from Venture Technologies Group, which will create a duopoly with nearby Albany, New York NBC affiliate WNYT for $2.3 million, pending FCC approval. The

	station is seeking a 'failed station waiver' to acquire the station.[65][66]
	Diane Dostinich acquires the 51% ownership stake in Daystar affiliate KKJB/Boise that was held by station co-owner Gary Cocola of Cocola Broadcasting for $1.2 million.[67]
26	Cablevision files an antitrust lawsuit against Viacom in a Manhattan federal court, alleging that the media conglomerate illegally forced the cable provider to carry 14 lower-rated channels (such as VH1 Classic, Palladia and MTV Hits) in order to carry higher-profile cable networks owned by Viacom such as MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central.[68]
28	Sinclair Broadcast Group reaches a retransmission consent agreement with DirecTV. The removal of 87 Sinclair owned or operated stations in 47 markets would have occurred on March 1, if a new retransmission consent agreement was not reached before the prior carriage deal expired.[69]
	Sinclair also adds more stations to its portfolio, as it acquires the 18 Barrington Broadcasting stations (and the LMA/SSAs of six that Barrington operates) in a $370 million deal. However, Sinclair will spin off WSYT/Syracuse (including transferring the LMA of WNYS to another company) and WYZZ/Bloomington-Peoria due to overlapping in the two markets, along with turning over four others to Cunningham Broadcasting.[70]
	Negotiations break down between "Judge" Joe Brown and CBS Television Distribution over plans to cut his salary for his self-titled syndicated court show, which could see Brown splitting from CTD and taking his show elsewhere if the dispute is not resolved, as Brown has yet to sign a new deal. CTD announced that if Brown leaves, it would offer stations another courtroom show to make up for Brown's series contract into 2015 as a backup. On March 26, CTD announced that *Judge Joe Brown* was canceled and scrubbed plans for another courtroom show after stations balked on having a replacement. Brown is still looking for a new deal to have his show sign with another distributor.[71]
	The creators behind the ABC sitcom *Home Improvement*, Matt Williams, Carmen Finestra, Tam O'Shanter and David McFadzean (under the banner Wind Dancer Productions), file a lawsuit against The Walt Disney Company, seeking millions of dollars in revenue for failing to properly exploit the series after it went into syndication in 1995, including claims that they never received 75% of the show's profits after the series ended its run (in 1999).[72]

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	Fox Sports South and SportSouth announce they have picked up 45 more Atlanta Braves games, ending the team's contract with WPCH-TV. The 2013 season is the first in 40 years without locally produced Braves games on over-the-air TV.[73]
4	CNBC takes over production of the *Nightly Business Report* (the NBCUniversal-owned cable channel purchased the rights to the program from investment firm Atalaya Capital Management on February 21); however, American Public Television will continue to distribute *NBR* solely for public television stations throughout the country. Production of the program will move to CNBC's studios in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.[74]
	ABC affiliate WKPT-TV/Kingsport, Tennessee debuts local newscasts at 6 and 11 p.m., the first full-fledged newscasts broadcast on the station since it terminated a news share agreement with CBS affiliate WJHL-TV in 2008 (and the first to be produced in-house since WKPT's previous news department shut down in 2002). The half-hour newscasts – which air only on weeknights – originate from WKPT's studios in downtown Kingsport.[75]
5	Major League Soccer announces a deal with MyNetworkTV owned-and-operated station WPWR-TV/Chicago (owned by Fox Television Stations) to broadcast 20 Chicago Fire games during the 2013 season (WPWR previously served as the team's over-the-air television broadcaster during the 2011 season).[76]
13	Kroenke Sports Enterprises acquires the Outdoor Channel for $227 million.[77]
14	MSNBC names Chris Hayes (host of the weekend morning program *Up with Chris Hayes*) as its new 8 p.m. ET host effective April 1. Hayes will succeed Ed Schultz, whose program *The Ed Show* immediately went on hiatus after its March 14 broadcast, and will return later in April as part of the channel's weekend afternoon schedule (and expanding to two hours).[78][79][80]
19	New York Supreme Court judge Robert Muller files an injunction barring Lifetime from airing or promoting *Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story* (premiering on March 23), following a lawsuit filed by Porco – who was convicted of his father's murder and the attempted killing of his mother in 2004 – on grounds that events depicted in the made-for-cable film were fictionalized (despite not having seen the movie). On March 21, a New York appellate court

	lifted the injunction following an appeal filed by Lifetime, alleging the risk of financial damage due to its $3 million investment in the film and violations of constitutional speech protections.[81][82][83]
	Tribune Company forms Tribune Studios (not to be confused with the formerly owned Los Angeles studio facility that once held the same name), which will primarily produce programs for the company's 23 television stations and WGN America. This is Tribune's second production company, having operated Tribune Entertainment from 1984 to 2007.[84]
	Liberty Media acquires a 27% ownership interest in cable provider Charter Communications for $2.62 billion. The purchase is Liberty founder John Malone's first major investment in a cable operator since the 1999 sale of Tele-Communications, Inc. to AT&T Corporation.[85]
20	Fox Sports enters into a broadcast rights agreement with the realigned Big East Conference, effective with the 2013–14 academic year. The contract (which will run through 2025) includes rights to televise all men's and select women's regular season and tournament basketball games, and all Olympic sports from the conference. Sporting events from the new Big East will be broadcast primarily on the forthcoming national sports network Fox Sports 1.[86]The deal follows a broadcast contract signed on March 19 between ESPN and the American Athletic Conference (the original Big East) through the 2019–20 academic year.[87]
	Comcast SportsNet Chicago suspends Chicago Bulls analyst (and former Bulls shooting guard) Kendall Gill following a March 19 physical altercation in the regional sports network's newsroom with Big Ten Network analyst Tim Doyle, over comments Doyle made about Gill's analysis of the March 18 Bulls-Denver Nuggets game on the panel discussion show *Sports Talk Live*.[88]
21	NBCUniversal, through its NBC Owned Television Stations subsidiary, acquires Telemundo affiliate WWSI/Atlantic City, New Jersey (part of the Philadelphiamedia market) from ZGS Communications for $20 million. The deal will create a duopoly with NBC owned-and-operated station WCAU.[89]
	A transmitter problem takes CBS affiliate KPHO/Phoenix off the air on the network's first day of NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament coverage. The disruption also affected subscribers of Dish Network, and cable providers Western Broadband Cable and Orbitel Communications (Cox Communications and DirecTV customers in the area were not affected).[90]

24	NBC affiliate KTEN/Sherman, Texas is knocked off the air due to a lightning strike that caused significant damage to some broadcasting equipment at the station's main studio in Denison.[91]
26	*The Young and the Restless* celebrates its 40th anniversary.[92]
	CBS Corporation acquires a 49% interest stake in TV Guide Network from One Equity Partners, with Lions Gate Entertainment retaining its 51% stake in the cable channel.[93] A collaborative rebranding effort of the network, seen in 80 million homes, later occurs: The network adopts the TVGN name on April 15, and a complete end of on-screen listings is expected.
	A war of words erupts between Fox News Channel and actor Jim Carrey: FNC reporter Greg Gutfeld makes a critical statement on this date over "Cold Dead Hands", Carrey's anti-gun video for the viral website Funny or Die, with Gutfeld taking issue with Carrey's views on gun control by stating that, "He [Carrey] is probably the most pathetic tool on the face of the earth and I hope his career is dead and I hope he ends up sleeping in a car." Carrey responds on March 29 by calling the network "A media colostomy bag that has begun to burst at the seams."[94]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	In a lawsuit filed by the four major broadcast networks, a New York judge rules that Aereo, a pay service which streams broadcast station signals online and through mobile devices without paying fees to the networks or their stations, does not breach federal copyright rules as it utilizes antennas leased to its subscribers to stream station signals.[95] The ruling sparks a threat during an NAB conference presentation on April 9 from News Corporation COO Chase Carey to turn Fox into a subscription-only service, if pending court proceedings do not rule against Aereo (similar statements were later made by executives of Univision and CBS).[96]
	General Hospital, the last of the remaining ABC soap operas, celebrates its 50th anniversary.[97]
	Shield Media's ABC affiliate WLAJ/Lansing, Michigan begins simulcasting Young Broadcasting CBS affiliate WLNS/Lansing's 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts.[98]

	Lockwood Broadcast Group announces it will acquire CW affiliate WCWG/Greensboro, North Carolina from Titan TV Broadcast Group for $2.75 million.[99][100]
2	ACME Communications sells its last operating asset, the syndicated morning show *The Daily Buzz*, to Mojo Brands Media.[101][102]
3	Confirming a month of speculation, NBC announces that Jay Leno will retire from hosting *The Tonight Show* in Spring 2014 (his second retirement from the show), and that *Late Night* host Jimmy Fallon will succeed him. As part of the move, *Tonight* will return to NBC's New York studios, *Late Night's* home base and *Tonight's* original home until 1972.[103] NBC later announces that Seth Meyers will succeed Fallon on *Late Night*.[104] Meyers will be the third consecutive *Saturday Night Live* alumni to host the show.
	After 13 years as their chief business correspondent, Ali Velshi announces his departure from CNN.[105] On April 4, Velshi signs with upcoming news channel Al Jazeera America to host a new daily business program.[106]
	TV Guide celebrates its 60th anniversary issue[107] with six covers featuring stars of popular shows from each decade: Lucille Ball (the 1950s), *Star Trek's*William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (the 1960s), Mary Tyler Moore (the 1970s), Bill Cosby (The 1980s), Homer Simpson (the 1990s) and Matthew Fox (the 2000s-present), all draped in digitized mosiac TV Guide covers from their eras.[108]
8	For the first time since becoming a Fox affiliate, WUTV/Buffalo starts airing a nightly 10 p.m. newscast, as it takes over WGRZ's primetime broadcast from sister station WNYO and expands it to seven nights a week. In addition, WGRZ is expected to begin running a rebroadcast of its morning program *Daybreak* on WNYO, which will move to WUTV in the future.[109]
11	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the radio and television assets of Fisher Communications for $373.3 million. The acquisition includes 20 television stations in eight markets (including KOMO-TV/Seattle and KATU/Portland, Oregon) and three radio stations in the Seattle market.[110] On April 22, an unnamed Fisher shareholder filed a lawsuit to stop the Sinclair acquisition, alleging that Fisher Communications management breached their fiduciary duties by agreeing to sell the company to Sinclair at a $41/share offer that undervalued the company via an "unfair process".[111]
15	At approximately 2:50 PM (EDT), two explosions around Copley Square, just before the photo

	bridge that marks the finish line, were caught live on camera during the telecast of the Boston Marathon, about three hours after the winners crossed the line. The event causes local stations in the Boston media market and the major networks, including ESPN, to cancel regular programming to carry continuing coverage of the tragedy.[112][113] At least three deaths were reported and 280 people were injured.[114] Four days later, just hours after the suspects' pictures are aired on national TV, all Boston news outlets preempt programming for nonstop coverage of the massive manhunt for the suspects, brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, after a police chase and standoff that left an MIT campus police officer and one of the two suspects dead from gunshots and the other suspect escaping into a Watertown neighborhood, eluding capture for most of the day until finally being arrested. The major four broadcast networks pre-empt the majority of their schedule nationally from 2 AM ET on into prime-time on the 19th to also cover the story.[115]
16	The Seattle Mariners acquire a controlling interest in Root Sports Northwest, which broadcasts the team's games, from DirecTV Sports Networks. DirecTV retains a minority stake in the network and will continue to manage it, and the Root Sports branding and Fox Sports Networks programming will remain. Additionally, the team extended its contract with the network until the end of the 2030 season.[116]
19	Sportscaster Al Michaels is arrested in Santa Monica, California and is charged with a misdemeanor DUI. He is released after a five-hour stay in jail.[117]
24	Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Mission Broadcasting announce the purchase of the 25 Communications Corporation of America stations in ten markets located in Texas, Louisiana, and Indiana. The deal will give Nexstar/Mission additional duopolies in Shreveport-Texarkana, Odessa-Midland, Texas and Evansville, Indiana.[118]
	Ani Khojasarian becomes the first $100,000 winner of the pricing game Pay The Rent on The Price Is Right, making her the biggest daytime pricing game winner in the show's history.
29	WCVB-TV/Boston substitutes "Still", a new episode of the ABC series *Castle* with a previously aired episode from season two, "The Late Shaft", featuring local native Tom Bergeron, out of sensitivity to the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings, and with permission from ABC. "Still" had already been delayed from its original April 22 airdate nationally due to the plot revolving around Kate Beckett (Stana Katic) being stuck in place to avoid the detonation of an explosive device. Viewers in the northern portion of the market were still able to watch the new episode over WCVB's sister station WMUR-TV/Manchester, New Hampshire. It was also made available on demand and to Hulu viewers in the Boston area the next morning.[119]

	WBIN/Derry, New Hampshire drops its Independent News Network-produced weeknight 10 p.m. newscast, replacing the newscast with syndicated programming. The station plans on resuming local news programming sometime in 2014; Al Kaprielian's locally based weather updates will continue unaffected.[120]
	WVTT/Olean, New York ends all of its local newscasts and its local marketing agreement with Colonial Media and Entertainment.[121] The move comes ahead of the station's sale to Milachi Media, which is filed with the FCC in June.
	After two years of being off the air, ABC's two canceled soap operas, *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*, returned on website The Online Network.[122]

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	Allbritton Communications Company, which owns seven ABC-affiliated television stations including WJLA-TV/Washington, D.C., and Washington, D.C.-based regional cable news channel NewsChannel 8, announced that it is exploring "strategic alternatives", including the possible sale of the station group.[123]
2	Comcast SportsNet Chicago reporter Susannah Collins is let go by the network following an on-air gaffe during Chicago Blackhawks playoff coverage in which she said the team enjoyed a "tremendous amount of sex" (rather than success) during the season. CSN Chicago also claimed it was because she hosted a web series called "Sports Nutz" with profane content in the past that had not been discovered before she was hired.[124]
6	It is announced that reality show *Cops* will leave Fox after 25 seasons and move to Spike TV.[125]
13	Weigel Broadcasting discontinues its partnership in the digital multicast network it co-founded with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, This TV, to focus on its two other diginets, MeTV and Movies!; fellow Chicago-based company Tribune Broadcasting will take over Weigel's share of programming and operational responsibilities for This TV, with MGM remaining as the network's joint owner.[126][127]

	Viewers of *How I Met Your Mother* see the future mother of Ted Mosby's children for the first time in the show's 8th-season finale. She is played by Cristin Milioti, and is credited only as the "girl with the yellow umbrella"; when Milioti becomes a cast regular for the series' 9th and final season in September, she is credited only as "The Mother."[128][129]
14	ABC introduces a live streaming app called Watch ABC during the network's 2013–14 schedule upfronts, making available linear streaming of local ABC stations and on-demand full episodes of ABC programming to authenticated subscribers who can access the service online or via the Watch ABC app on iOS, Kindle Fire and Samsung Galaxy devices. The app will roll out first to the ABC Owned Television Stations, followed by the 13 ABC affiliates owned by Hearst Television in the Summer before making it available to other affiliates in the Fall.[130]
16	Candice Glover is crowned 12th season champion of *American Idol*.[131] The season finale marks the start of a major overhaul in the long-running (but ratings-bleeding) singing competition: It is the final appearance on the judges' table for Randy Jackson, Mariah Carey, and Nicki Minaj,[132][133] and the last show for executive producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick.[134]
20	An analysis announced by the Leichtman Research Group reveals the first net loss of cable, satellite, and telco TV subscribers over a 12-month period (ending March 31, 2013); the analysis is billed as the first tangible proof of "cord-cutting" by pay TV customers.[135]
	Deborah Turness, a former editor of Britain's ITV News, is named as the new president of NBC News.[136]
	On the same day that a major tornado strikes Moore, Oklahoma, CBS postpones (until May 30) this evening's 3rd-season finale of *Mike & Molly*, which involved a tornado descending on the show's setting of Chicago.[137][138]
21	Kelly Rowland and Paulina Rubio are announced as judges for season 3 of *The X Factor*, joining returnees Simon Cowell and Demi Lovato on the show's judges panel.[139]
26	Ten spectators are injured (three of whom require hospitalization) when nylon rope supporting a Fox Sports skycam snaps and falls into the grandstand during the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race. The incident also causes damage to several cars in the race, forcing a 27-minute delay.[140]

27	Weigel Broadcasting and Fox Television Stations launch a digital subchannel network called Movies!, primarily airing on Fox's owned-and-operated stations.[141]
28	*The Young and the Restless* pays an entire episode to the actress Jeanne Cooper who passed away on May the 8th at the age of 84. Jeanne's character Katherine Chancellor death would be mention on the soap in August.[*citation needed*]
29	A three-judge panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia unanimously rules that Comcast did not violate FCC program carriage rules when placing the Tennis Channel on a sports tier, and that the FCC and Tennis Channel did not provide evidence that Comcast had discriminated against the channel in favor of its own sports channels (as the FCC had ruled in July 2012).[142] Tennis Channel files an appeal on July 12.[143]
30	Autumn Erhard becomes the second contestant in the 30-year history of *Wheel of Fortune* to win the $1 million top prize in the show's Bonus Round; her final total ($1,030,340 in cash and prizes) makes her the biggest single-day winner in the show's history.[144]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	Nexstar Broadcasting Group rebrands the Memphis ABC affiliate it acquired from Newport Television in 2012, changing the station's call sign (from WPTY-TV to WATN-TV) and branding (from "ABC 24" to "Local 24"). The change coincides with the station's move (with sister CW affiliate WLMT and Jackson market Fox affiliate WJKT) from Midtown Memphis to new studios at the Shelby Oaks Corporate Park in the city's northeast side, as well as high definition upgrades for its newscasts.[145]
	Gray Television launches WRGX-LD as the new NBC affiliate in the Dothan, Alabama market. WRGX replaces Panama City sister station WJHG-TV and Montgomery-based WSFA on Dothan-area cable systems.[146]
	GMC TV rebrands as Up, a reflection of its shift from gospel music-related programming to a general entertainment schedule of family-oriented original and acquired programs.[147]
	Cinemax rebrands two of its multiplex channels: the female-oriented WMax is relaunched as MovieMax, a channel dedicated to family-friendly films, and the young adult-oriented @Max

	became Max Latino, a Spanish language simulcast of the flagship Cinemax channel.[148]
	The country music video service The Country Network rebrands as ZUUS Country following the digital multicast network's acquisition by Zuus Media.[149]
	Philippine actress/singer Charice Pempengco, who portrays Sunshine Corazon on *Glee*, reveals to her fans that she is a Tomboy (a Filipino term for Lesbian) during an interview on her home country's ABS-CBN program *The Buzz*, saying she decided to finally come out after turning 21 in May. She then issued an apology and a thank you to her fans on YouTube for their support.[150]
	The Hub renamed Hub Network.
2	Blackhawk Broadcasting purchases NBC affiliate KYMA/Yuma, Arizona from Intermountain West Communications for $1.3 million.[151] On July 23, Blackhawk will also acquire competing station KSWT from Pappas Telecasting, and will apply for a 'failing station' waiver to acquire it.[152]
	SagamoreHill Broadcasting sells its NBC affiliate KGNS/Laredo, Texas and CBS affiliates KGWN/Cheyenne, Wyoming & KSTF/Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Yellowstone Holdings, LLC for $20.5 million.[153]
3	Sinclair Broadcast Group continues its acquisitive streak by acquiring six stations from Titan Broadcast Management for $115.35 million. Sinclair will own four stations (KMPH-KFRE/Fresno, KPTM/Omaha, KPTH/Sioux City), and it will provide operating services to two stations (KXVO/Omaha and KMEG/Sioux City).[154]
6	Media General announces a merger deal with the privately held Young Broadcasting in an all-stock deal. The deal closes on November 12, with the combined company (owning 30 stations in 27 markets) keeping Media General's name and Richmond headquarters (Young was based in Nashville).[155][156]
10–14	In honor of her 80th birthday (which fell on June 8), E! lets Joan Rivers "take over" the network for a week-long celebration that includes Rivers serving as host or presenter on E!'s in-house programs, along with a full week of new episodes of her *Fashion Police* program.[157]

12–13	ESPN makes major moves in its programming and operations, beginning with an announcement on the 12th that it will close down its ESPN 3D channel at year's end (the actual closing occurs earlier, on September 3), citing a low level of home viewer adoption in 3D television technology.[158] On the 13th, it announces the cancellation of ESPNews' *Highlight Express* and ESPNU's *UNite*, as well as several layoffs, most notably that of network researcher and *Stump the Schwab* star Howie Schwab.[159][160]
17	Intermountain West Communications sells Idaho stations KPVI-TV/Pocatello and KXTF/Twin Falls to a subsidiary of Yellowstone Holdings, LLC, for $1 million.[161]
19	In a first for TV Land, *Hot in Cleveland* airs a live episode. A later episode in this season will feature a reunion of cast members from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, with Mary Tyler Moore, Valerie Harper, Georgia Engel, and Cloris Leachman joining *HIC* series regular Betty White as members of Elka's bowling team, who reunite after a fallout from their championship winning season decades ago.[162]
21	Food Network announces it will not renew the contract of Paula Deen when it expires at the end of the month. The move comes as the popular cooking personality faces controversy over her admitted past use of racial epithets in the presence of her employees.[163]
	A jury in a US District Court in Little Rock, Arkansas rules that the 2008 ownership transfer of Retro Television Network from Equity Media Holdings to its then-CEO Henry Luken was "constructively fraudulent", and award a trustee for creditors of the bankrupt and defunct Equity $47.4 million. The verdict prompts Luken Communications (Retro TV's current owner) to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization two days later.[164]
27	KSL-TV/Salt Lake City, Utah announces it will begin airing *Saturday Night Live* in its regular 10:35 p.m. slot when the NBC program begins its 39th season in September. (KUCW had previously aired *SNL* in the Salt Lake market.)[165] It is a somewhat surprising move for KSL, a station owned by the LDS Church-controlled Bonneville International that has had a long history of not airing network programming due to local commitments (the station had aired *Sportsbeat Saturday* in place of *SNL*) or content deemed inappropriate (the reason given for dropping shows such as *The New Normal* and *Hannibal*, which KUCW has also cleared).[166]
28	News Corporation officially splits into two companies: Its newspaper and publishing properties are spun off into a separate company that retains the News Corp name, while the remaining broadcast and film properties (including Fox, its TV stations, cable assets, MyNetworkTV, and the 20th Century Fox TV studio and syndication properties)

	assemble under a new corporate banner, 21st Century Fox.[167]
	The Walt Disney Company releases a new Mickey Mouse cartoon short for the first time since 1953, through the debut of a series of animated shorts broadcast on the Disney Channel.[168]
30	*Hour of Power*, after 33 years, airs its last episode from its longtime home, the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	Tribune Broadcasting acquires the 19 stations of Local TV, LLC for $2.73 billion.[169] The purchase of Local TV, which had been put up for sale by Oak Hill Capital Partners on March 22,[170] is approved by the FCC on December 20[171] and increases Tribune's station portfolio from 23 to 42 (and expands the number of Big Three affiliates it owns from one to 10), including duopolies in St. Louis and Denver (where the companies had been involved in LMA's). One station in Scranton and two in Norfolk/Portsmouth are transferred in a sidecar agreement to Dreamcatcher Broadcasting, due to Tribune having newspaper operations in those markets. On July 10, Tribune Company announced that it would spin-off its newspaper division to a newly formed company, Tribune Publishing Company.[172]
	One America News Network begins programming. A joint venture between WealthTV owner Herring Broadcasting and *The Washington Times* newspaper, the 24-hour network is a news/talk competitor to Fox News Channel, featuring "mainstream" conservative viewpoints with some independent and libertarian opinions included.[173]
	Audio cable music service Music Choice and OneBeat launch OneBeat TV, a new channel dedicated to Electronic Dance Music and its culture, lifestyle, and genre. The service, which brings its first EDM-formatted channel to the United States, will be offered free to cable subscribers on Music Choice's VOD service until August 11.[174]
	One day after ending a 15-year run as host of CNN's *Reliable Sources*, Howard Kurtz joins Fox News Channel. Kurtz's move, announced by FNC on June 20, sees the long-time media reporter and critic serve as an on-air analyst, columnist for the network's website,

	and host his own media criticism show, *MediaBuzz*.[175]
	WBCC/Cocoa, Florida changes its call letters to WEFS. The change reflects the name change of its owner, Brevard Community College, to Eastern Florida State College, a move made to advertise the offering of new four-year degrees. WEFS' programming remains unchanged.[176][177]
2	WWOR-TV/Secaucus, New Jersey airs its final 10 p.m. newscast and closes its news department; it had produced newscasts since 1971, even after it became a sister station to WNYW/New York City (under Fox Television Stations) in 2001. In its place, the station will launch *Chasing New Jersey*, a nightly New Jersey-focused public affairs program, on July 8. *Chasing New Jersey*, which is produced by Fairfax Productions from a studio in Trenton and hosted by Bill Spadea, will also be seen on sister station WTXF-TV/Philadelphia as a lead-in to its morning newscast; Fairfax Productions is led by Dennis Bianchi, WTXF's vice president and general manager. Despite the closure of its news department, WWOR's Secaucus facilities, which are separate from the New York City studios of WNYW, will remain open.[178][179]
4	For the first time since 1987, the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" and accompanying Fourth of July concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra are not nationally televised. CBS, which carried the final hour of the festivities since 2003 (A&E had carried the full event prior to that) announced on June 15 that it would no longer air the event, citing decreased ratings and increased competition from NBC's broadcast of the Macy's fireworks in New York City. CBS-owned WBZ-TV continues to air the full event in the Boston market.[180]
12	During its noon newscast, KTVU/Oakland-San Francisco unknowingly misidentifies the pilots of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 by false names that are considered derogatory and racist. In its own defense, officials at the Cox Media Fox affiliate say the National Transportation Safety Board confirmed the names to them.[181] The NTSB later admits that an intern who "acted outside the scope of his authority" supplied the false names to the station.[182][183] The intern is fired from the NTSB on July 15, while the incident leads Asiana Airlines to file a defamation lawsuit against KTVU, a suit that is withdrawn after the station formally apologizes live on the air.[184][185]
18	Three Netflix original productions — *Arrested Development*, *Hemlock Grove*, and *House of Cards* — receive a combined 14 nominations for the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards, the first Emmy nominations given to long-form programs made specifically for a web television service.[186]

22	News-Press & Gazette Company announced that the license assets of Idaho Falls' CBS affiliate KIDK and Fox affiliate KXPI-LD, will be sold to VistaWest Media, LLC, a company based in St. Joseph, Missouri (where NPG is also based); the stations will remain operated by NPG under a shared services agreement.[187]
23	NASCAR announces a 10-year contract with NBC Sports Group that will see the second halves of the Sprint Cup Series and Nationwide Series air on NBC and NBC Sports Network beginning in 2015. The deal sees NASCAR reuniting with NBC, which aired Sprint Cup races from 2001 to 2006, as well as an end in 2014 to NASCAR's partnership with Turner Sports and ESPN (the circuit's relationship with Fox Sports is expected to continue).[188]
29	Sinclair Broadcast Group adds another station group to its portfolio, as it acquires the Allbritton Communications Company for $985 Million. The stations include Allbritton's flagship station, WJLA-TV/Washington, D.C., and Washington, D.C.-based regional cable news channel NewsChannel 8. As part of the deal, Sinclair will spinoff CBS affiliate WHP-TV/Harrisburg, MyNetworkTV affiliate WMMP/Charleston, South Carolina and the Birmingham duopoly of The CW affiliate WTTO & MNT affiliate WABM because those stations are located in the same markets where it competes against the Allbritton stations.[189] The following day (July 30), Sinclair announced plans to use NewsChannel 8 as a "launching point" for a national news channel, airing both within the Sinclair group and on MVPD systems for a "unique hybrid model."[190]

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	Stations owned and operated by Raycom Media (53 stations in 36 markets) and shared services partner American Spirit Media vanish from Dish Network after both sides fail to reach a new retransmission agreement.[191] The stations are restored by Dish by August 10.[192]
	Pivot launches, replacing the Documentary Channel and Halogen TV. The Participant Media-owned channel is aimed at young adults between 18 and 34 years old, and is also the first TV channel to offer broadband-only subscriptions, allowing live streaming of the linear channel and video on demand offerings without requiring a pay TV service subscription.[193][194]
	NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams announces he is taking a leave of absence to recover from knee replacement surgery; *Nightly's* weekend anchor, Lester Holt, fills in for

	Williams in the interim.[195]
	WLAE-TV/New Orleans leaves PBS to increase its focus on its local programming; the station had contemplated the move since a cut in funding from the state of Louisiana in 2010. WLAE had carried 25 percent of PBS' programming as a secondary member station; WYES-TV remains New Orleans' main PBS member station.[196][197]
2	News-Press & Gazette Company announced the sale of the license assets of KJCT/Grand Junction, Colorado to Excalibur Broadcasting, LLC, and its non-license assets to Gray Television. Gray will operate the station through joint sales and shared services agreements, making KJCT a sister station to KKCO.[198][199]
4	In an internationally televised live special, Peter Capaldi is formally introduced as the Twelfth Doctor for the upcoming season of *Doctor Who*.[200]
7	The United States Golf Association announces a 12-year multimedia deal with Fox Sports, which will see USGA championship events (most notably the U.S. Open) air on Fox and Fox Sports 1 beginning in 2015. The deal will mean an end to the USGA's relationships with NBC Sports and ESPN in 2014.[201]
9	After 16 years, Joy Behar co-hosts *The View* for the final time.[202] Her departure leaves Barbara Walters as the talk program's last original co-host, a role Walters herself will relinquish (along with her duties at ABC News) in Summer 2014 (Walters made her intentions public in May 2013).[203]
12	Horseshoe Curve Communications agreed to sell Fox affiliate WWCP-TV/Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Cunningham Broadcasting for $12 million. Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner NBC affiliate, WJAC-TV, will operate the station through shared services and joint sales agreements. Included in the deal is the existing LMA for WWCP-TV to operate ABC affiliate WATM-TV, which will continue to be owned by Palm Television.[204]
14	The fourth-season premiere of *Duck Dynasty* makes history for A&E, pulling in 11.8 million viewers, the largest audience ever for an original series produced for cable television (scripted and non-scripted) and the highest-rated series in A&E's 29-year history.[205]
16	The Republican National Committee announces that they will ban CNN and the news divisions of NBC Universal (including MSNBC and Telemundo) from taking part

	in Republican Presidential debates for the 2016 campaign. The RNC's decision is a reaction to the two networks' planned projects on Hillary Clinton (a documentary on CNN, a dramatic miniseries on NBC), with RNC chairman Reince Priebus claiming the projects give the Democrat Clinton's potential 2016 Presidential campaign a boost over those of GOP candidates.[206][207] On September 30, NBC and CNN announced that they have canceled their projects, citing pressure from both political parties and those close to Clinton's inner circle, who did not feel comfortable to give interviews or stories that could hurt her political future.[208]
17	Fox Sports rebrands and revamps two of their specialty sports channels into broader sports networks: the motorsport-oriented Speed becomes Fox Sports 1,[209] while extreme sports-oriented Fuel TV becomes Fox Sports 2.[210]
	With an NBC Sports Network broadcast of a Stoke City-Liverpool match, NBC Sports begins its coverage of English Premier League soccer.[211] It also marks a gradual rebranding of NBC Sports Network, with the channel set to be simply known as the abbreviated "NBCSN" by early 2014.[212]
19	NBC affiliate KSNV/Las Vegas begins expanding its daily newscast with the addition of a 3PM broadcast, followed by a 7PM newscast in September, becoming the first network affiliated station in the Pacific Time Zone (and the second NBC affiliate after WTMJ/Milwaukee) to phase out first-run programming for continuous news programming. KSNV also plans to drop all syndicated programming in 2016 when its contract with CBS Television Distribution expires.[213] As a result of these changes, the station has arranged The CW affiliate KVCW to pick up *Days of Our Lives*, where it will continue in the same 1PM timeslot that KSNV has given up to make room for the 3PM newscast.[214]
20	Al Jazeera America launches, replacing Current TV.[215] The network is a U.S.-based and -operated news channel expected to compete with CNN, MSNBC and Fox News Channel. It is the second Al Jazeera Media Network channel to launch in the U.S. after beIN Sport, a sports network owned 50/50 between Al Jazeera and Turner Broadcasting System. As a result, Al Jazeera English discontinued their online feed in the United States.
25	At the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards, Miley Cyrus creates a controversy by "Twerking" during a duet with Robin Thicke, a performance that some described as "raunchy" and "provocative". It also included a strip tease by Lady Gaga, which critics had similar comments about.[216] Additionally, it featured the first performance of 'N Sync in 11 years.[217]
26	Four months after moving to weekends, *The Ed Show* moves back to MSNBC's weekday schedule, taking the 5PM (ET) time slot previously occupied by one of two airings of *Hardball*

	with Chris Matthews (*Hardball* goes live at 7PM).[218]
	The sports talk show *Olbermann* debuts on ESPN2. It marks the return of Keith Olbermann to the ESPN family, as well as his return to sports-oriented programming after several years as a political commentator for MSNBC and Current TV.[219]
30	David Letterman marks his 20th anniversary with CBS with a *Late Show* episode that features his first guest in 1993, Bill Murray.[220]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	The *MDA Show of Strength* benefit concert moves to ABC, airing as a two-hour special on the network. The move ends the special's 47-year run as a syndicated Labor Day weekend event (the stations that aired it were collectively known as the "Love Network").[221]
2	FXX, an entertainment sister network to FX, commences programming in the channel space previously occupied by Fox Soccer, whose remaining programming shifts over to Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2.[222]
	After over 10 years airing on rival WGN-TV, *Live! with Kelly and Michael* begins airing on WLS-TV in Chicago, becoming the last ABC-owned station to air the ABC-syndicated program. *Live!* airs in WLS-TV's 9:00 a.m. timeslot, which was previously occupied by local program *Windy City Live* (which replaced the station's 11:00 a.m. newscast as a result of *Live*'s move) and the Chicago-based *Oprah Winfrey Show* prior to that.[223]
	The CBS Corporation/Time Warner Cable retransmission consent dispute, which began a month earlier, is resolved, with all channels and website video rights restored as of 6:00 p.m. ET and on-demand content shortly after.[224] Terms are not disclosed, though both sides describe them as satisfactory to each of them, including the addition of Showtime Anytime streaming rights for Time Warner.[225]
	Cedric the Entertainer begins his stint as the third host of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, succeeding Meredith Vieira, who left the show in May after 11 seasons and will eventually move to her own talk shown in 2014; she succeeded original host Regis Philbin who has

	since retired from broadcasting.[226][227][228]
3	Fox confirms a new judging panel for *American Idol's* 13th season, with newcomer Harry Connick Jr. joining Jennifer Lopez (who returns to *Idol* after a one-year absence) and Season 12 holdover Keith Urban. They join Ryan Seacrest, who returns as host, and former judge Randy Jackson, who returns as on-air mentor.[229]
7	*PBS NewsHour* expands to weekends for the first time with *PBS NewsHour Weekend*. Anchored by Hari Sreenivasan, the half-hour Saturday and Sunday newscasts originate from WNET/New York City, as opposed to the weekday *NewsHour's* base at WETA-TV's Arlington, Virginia studios.[230][231]
8	Carrie Underwood debuts as singer of "Waiting All Day for Sunday Night", the theme song for *NBC Sunday Night Football*. Underwood is the third singer to handle the theme's vocals, after Pink (2006) and Faith Hill (2007–2012).[232]
9	NBC affiliate KSL-TV/Salt Lake City moves *Days of Our Lives* from 1 p.m. to 1:05 a.m. (Mountain Time). While the station has not explicitly stated its reason, it has been speculated that a storyline involving a gay couple (the characters of Will Horton and Sonny Kiriakis) prompted the move. The move makes the second time in nearly three weeks that a NBC affiliate has opted to delay or pre-empt the 47-year-old serial, following KSNV/Las Vegas' decision to let competitor KVCW air the program due to their decision to expand its news programming.[233]
	Jenny McCarthy joins *The View* as new co-host.[234]
	Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff become permanent co-anchors of the weekday *PBS NewsHour*, ending the show's practice of rotating co-anchor pairings since Jim Lehrer stepped down from his on-air role on the show in June 2011.[235]
16	Two months after ending a 10-year run on *The View*, Elisabeth Hasselbeck joins Fox News Channel's *Fox & Friends*;[236] she succeeds Gretchen Carlson, who left the show the previous Friday and gets her own afternoon show on the network, *The Real Story*, on September 30.[237]
	NBC's *Today* unveils a redesigned set and orange-hued logo, as well as a new "Orange Room" segment, hosted by Carson Daly and featuring social media updates and online

	extended interviews.[238]
	Nexstar Broadcasting Group acquires the three stations of Citadel Communications in and mainly broadcasting to the state of Iowa for $88 million, which includes WOI/Des Moines, WHBF/Rock Island, and KCAU/Sioux City (WOI and KCAU are ABC affiliates; WHBF is affiliated with CBS). In a separate deal, Mission Broadcasting has acquired Binghamton stations WICZ-WBPN-LP from Stainless Broadcasting Company for $15.25 million, making them sister stations to Nexstar-owned WIVT and WBGH-CA.[239]
19	Andrew Kravis wins the $2,600,000 jackpot on *The Million Second Quiz*, which propels him to third place on the game show winnings records list, behind Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter. His total winnings on the game show also broke the primetime game show winnings record of $2.18 million, which was set by Kevin Olmstead back on April 10, 2001.
20	Milwaukee-based Journal Broadcast Group has their stations restored to Time Warner Cable systems in the Milwaukee (WTMJ-TV), Green Bay/Fox Cities (WGBA-TV/WACY-TV), Omaha (KMTV-TV) and Palm Springs (KMIR-TV/KPSE-LP) markets (WTVF in Nashville, which is on limited Time Warner systems in Tennessee and Kentucky, was unaffected under their agreement made with former owner Landmark Communications, but was also part of the new retransmission consent agreement) after being off the systems since July 25, while the digital subchannels for each station (Live Well in Milwaukee and Omaha, MeTV in Green Bay, and AccuWeather in Milwaukee) and KPSE-LP were pulled from Time Warner systems on July 11.[240] However unlike most carriage agreements where all channels were restored to their previous positions, the standard definition positions were sold off by Time Warner Cable to GSN in each market during the dispute, forcing those stations onto other free channels (as high as 83 for WACY and 99 for KMTV)[241] and all carriage of Journal's subchannels was discontinued, though all high definition channel slots were retained.[242]
22	The 65th Primetime Emmy Awards are presented from Los Angeles, with *Breaking Bad* taking home its first win for Best Drama series and *Modern Family* repeating as Best Comedy series for the fourth straight year in a row, while Derek Hough won in the newly created Outstanding Choreography category. The event also saw Netflix made history with three wins including David Fincher's Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series for directing the *House of Cards* pilot episode "Chapter 1" as well as a pair of Creative Arts Emmy Awards, making "Chapter 1" the first Primetime Emmy-awarded webisode.[243] Neil Patrick Harris hosts the show (and doubled as co-producer), which airs on CBS. In a rare move, the network pre-empts its signature newsmagazine *60 Minutes* due to airing the Emmys after an NFL doubleheader.[244]
23	After two delays and a channel relocation, the "metrosexual" male-oriented Esquire

	Network commences programming, replacing the 15-year-old fashion-and-design channel Style Network. Esquire Channel's launch was delayed from April 22 and "Summer 2013", and was originally slated to replace G4. The channel's launch on this date coincides with the 80th anniversary of the first issue of the Hearst Corporation's men's magazine of the same name.[245]
24	News-Press & Gazette Company acquires three California stations owned by Cowles Publishing Company. The stations include KION-KMUV/Monterey and KKFX/San Luis Obispo. Cowles will keep ownership of KCOY/Santa Maria, which NPG will operate under a shared services agreement with KEYT/Santa Barbara (which NPG bought from Smith Media in September 2012).[246]
25	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces the acquisition of eight stations owned or operated by New Age Media. To comply with FCC ownership regulations, three stations—WSWB in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, WTLH in Tallahassee, Florida, and WNBW-DT in Gainesville, Florida—will then be sold to Cunningham Broadcasting; a fourth station, WTLF in Tallahassee, will be purchased by Deerfield Media. These four stations will be operated by Sinclair through joint sales and shared services agreements; WSWB, WNBW, and WTLF are owned by MPS Media but have long been operated by New Age Media through such agreements (which Sinclair will continue), while WTLH cannot be acquired by Sinclair directly due to its existing ownership of WTWC-TV.[247][248]
26	Stating that its "technical justification... no longer appears valid", the FCC formally submits a proposal to eliminate the discount, adopted in 1985 during the analog TV era, that counts a UHF station's reach to be one-half of its market when applied to a broadcaster's national ownership limit. The proposal would grandfather portfolios of any broadcaster with existing or pending ownership of UHF stations that would put them over the 39% national cap without the discount at the time of the proposal's submission.[249]
27	*The Price Is Right* devotes all six "pricing game" segments to one of its best-known and most-popular games, Plinko.[250]
	Nearly a year after the launch of Comcast SportsNet Houston, NBCUniversal announces that affiliates of it and parent company Comcast have filed an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for the network to "resolve structural issues affecting CSN Houston's partnership." The partnership is composed of the Houston Astros (who own 46% of the network), the Houston Rockets (who own 30%), and NBCUniversal (who owns the remaining 23%). The move did not sit well with the Astros, which stated that the filing was made "improperly" to prevent the Astros from ending its agreement with CSN Houston; the team also revealed that it did not receive the rights fees from Houston Regional Sports Network

	(the network's legal name) for the final three months of the 2013 season.[251]
28	Litton Entertainment takes over CBS' Saturday morning lineup with a teen-oriented block of programming bearing the umbrella title CBS Dream Team. The move means the end of CBS' Cookie Jar TV (a block that had been under the control of three different companies since its 2006 premiere), and gives Litton control of two Saturday morning network program blocks (it already operates *Litton's Weekend Adventure* for ABC).[252]
	Second-year *Saturday Night Live* cast member Cecily Strong becomes co-anchor of the show's *Weekend Update* segment alongside Seth Meyers.[253]Also, for the first time in its 39-year history, the program extended to two hours with musical guests Arcade Fire doing a 30-minute set called *Arcade Fire in Here Comes the Night Time*, that featured cameo appearances by Ben Stiller, Bono, Bill Hader, Zach Galifianakis, Rainn Wilson, Aziz Ansari, and Michael Cera. Although viewers saw the act leave the SNL stage after the commercial break wearing the same outfits and continued performing in the same get up for the extended program, the concert footage appears to have been filmed at the band's surprise September 9 appearance at Montreal's Club Salsathèque.[254]
29	*Hour of Power* airs its first show from Shepherd's Grove, the campus of the former St. Callistus' Church,[255] located one mile south of the Crystal Cathedral, where the show was taped for 33 years.[256]
30	Cowles Publishing Company acquires the Montana cluster of Max Media for $18 million. Stations includes NBC affiliate KULR/Billings, and its ABC affiliates KWYB/Butte, KFBB-TV/Great Falls, KHBB-LD/Helena and KTMF/Missoula.[257][258]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	The United States federal government shutdown of 2013 affects some communications operations for the government, with the Federal Communications Commission suspending reviews of mergers between station groups, which usually take 180 days to complete, due to the FCC being drawn down to only a spare 2% skeleton crew of workers, a halt to work on all applications, and a nearly blank website.[259][260] Federally funded NASA TV and its website were also shut down, besides still screens notifying viewers of the situation.[261] The shutdown ends on October 16, with the FCC resuming website operations nearly immediately, and NASA TV the next day.

	Cable One, a nineteen-state cable provider owned by The Washington Post Company, pulls most of the networks of Turner Broadcasting System from their systems in a carriage dispute, including Cartoon Network, TruTV, CNN and HLN, along with TBS and TNT despite being under a different agreement, affecting Major League Baseball playoffs coverage in CableOne markets.[262] This occurs on the same day The Washington Post Company's namesake newspaper has their purchase by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos closed upon, breaking the *Post* off from TWPC, along with TWPC's Post-Newsweek Stations division.[263] The two parties come to terms on a new agreement on October 25.[*citation needed*]
	A carriage dispute between Dish Network and the networks and stations of the Walt Disney Company, whose contract expired on the 1st, is averted due to a short-term extension.[264] However, Media General's eighteen stations are removed from Dish Network due to Media General's refusal to negotiate new retransmission consent terms before their acquisition of Young Broadcasting was approved;[265] the company subsequently allowed four of the stations (WJTV in Jackson, Mississippi, WHLT in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, WKRG-TV in Mobile, Alabama, and WVTM-TV in Birmingham, Alabama) to be restored for the weekend of October 5–6 to allow Dish Network to carry their coverage of Tropical Storm Karen.[266]
4	Journal Broadcast Group reaches a deal to sell its two stations in Palm Springs, California, NBC affiliate KMIR-TV and MyNetworkTV affiliate KPSE-LP, to OTA Broadcasting.[267]
5	Miley Cyrus receives positive reviews from critics as she served as both guest and musical host on *Saturday Night Live*, where among the highlights include her opening sketch poking fun at her 2013 MTV Video Music Awards performance, an acoustic performance of "We Can't Stop" and a controversial parody video of the aforementioned song, retitled "We Did Stop" (about the United States federal government shutdown of 2013) with Cyrus playing outgoing United States Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minnesota 6th) and Taran Killam impersonating Cyrus as Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio 8th).[268]
7	During Game 3 of the American League Division Series, on-field microphones of MLB Network's crew accidentally broadcast a heated exchange of profanity between Oakland Athletics pitcher Grant Balfour and Detroit Tigers designated hitter Víctor Martínez which results in a bench-and-bullpen-clearing near-brawl.[269] The channel's announcers apologized soon after, though no action could be taken as MLB Network is not under FCC obscenity regulations, nor was the game aired on broadcast television.
8	MacNeil/Lehrer Productions announces in a letter to the staffers of the *PBS NewsHour* that it had offered to sell its stake in the program to WETA-TV (the program's originating station,

	and already a coproducer). In the letter, Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil cited their reduced involvement with the program's production since their departures from anchoring, as well as "the probability of increasing our fundraising abilities."[270][271]
9	The country music-oriented digital broadcast network The Nashville Network (owned by Luken Communications and Jim Owens Entertainment) rebrands as Heartland.[272]
10	NBCUniversal Cable's G4 loses more carriage, as the moribund network is dropped from Cablevision systems on that date.[273] Time Warner Cable already dropped the channel on September 23, with Verizon FiOS following on October 1.[274] DirecTV has not carried it since 2010.[275]
	Independent station KTUD-CD/Las Vegas unexpectedly announces it will end operations and go dark at midnight due to insufficient advertising revenues; the station's parent company has struggled for several years and the station filed for bankruptcy in 2010.[276][277][278]
	The Fox series *Glee* pays tribute to late cast member Cory Monteith, who died July 13, with "The Quarterback", an episode dealing with the main characters' grief over the death of Monteith's character, former McKinley High quarterback and New Directions glee club member Finn Hudson.[279]
16	Detective John Munch turns in his badge as Richard Belzer makes his last regular appearance on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. Belzer had played the character for two decades, dating back to his originating the role on *Homicide: Life on the Street* in 1993.[280] His departure leaves Captain Donald Cragen (Dann Florek) as the only character on the series that originated on another show in the Law & Order franchise; he played the character from 1990 to 1999 on the original *Law & Order*.
	Due to a power failure at South Park Studios, the producers of *South Park* are unable to make the network deadline for airing the new episode "Goth Kids 3: Dawn of the Posers", a first in the series' 17-year run that an episode was not completed in time. A rerun of the classic episode "Scott Tenorman Must Die" is aired by Comedy Central in its place, with "Goth Kids 3" airing on October 23.[281]
21	Smith Media reaches a deal to sell its last remaining station, NBC affiliate WKTV/Utica, NY to Heartland Media, a company owned by Bob Prather, who had been President/COO of Gray Television until resigning from the company on June 21.[282][283]

	The Sean "Diddy" Combs-backed music network Revolt launches with distribution on Time Warner Cable and Comcast systems. Combs launches the network using the childhood home of the late The Notorious B.I.G. as a backdrop to begin the network's schedule.[284]
24	Al Jazeera America and Time Warner Cable come to terms for national carriage of the network, which will be added to New York and Los Angeles systems by the end of the year, and nationally by March 2014. The announcement coincided with the weekend of El Clásico, which aired in the United States on Al Jazeera's beIN Sport.[285]
26	For the first time, Fox News Channel deviates from its news-and-analysis programming to carry a live sporting event, the final quarter of a Big 12 college football game between Texas Tech and Oklahoma. The move of the game (whose start was delayed by an hour) from Fox is due to the committed live schedule of the other Fox Sports cable networks and to ensure Fox's coverage of the World Series start on-time.[286] The game remains on Fox affiliates in Oklahoma and Texas until its conclusion, at which time they pick up the World Series game in progress.[287][288]
	ABC-O&O station WLS-TV/Chicago restores the *Eyewitness News* brand to its newscasts, a brand the station used from 1969 until 1996.[289]
	In the wake of the death of Marcia Wallace, producers of the *The Simpsons* announce they will retire the character she voiced for the series, schoolteacher Edna Krabappel.[290]
28	Fusion commences programming, offering entertainment, news and talk programming aimed at a millennial and Hispanic-American audience. The cable channel is a joint venture between ABC News and Univision Communications, who promote the launch with a simulcast of their respective morning shows, *Good Morning America* and *¡Despierta América!*.[291][292]
	ABC late night host Jimmy Kimmel apologizes for a bit aired during his talk show in which he responds to a child who suggests killing the Chinese to solve the United States' debt to China.[293] The sketch incites protests by the Chinese American community,[294] and a petition on the White House website with enough signatures to warrant a formal response from the Obama administration.[295]
28–31	Conan O'Brien airs a week of retrospectives on *Conan* marking his 20th anniversary as a late-night TV host.[296] The show also put classic clips from *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien* on its website that were loaned from

	the NBC archives until November 15.
29	The US Senate confirms Tom Wheeler and Mike O'Reilly to open Commissioner seats on the Federal Communications Commission.[297] Wheeler will become the FCC's chairman, taking the reins from Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, who had been acting chairwoman since May 20, when she became the first female FCC chair.[298]
30	The Boston Red Sox defeat St. Louis to win the 2013 World Series. It is also the final game broadcast for Fox baseball analyst and former player Tim McCarver, who had been calling games for 33 years.[299]
31	After 58 years under the ownership of Duhamel Broadcasting Enterprises, the company announces the sale of KOTA-TV/Rapid City, South Dakota and its satellite stations in Scottsbluff, Nebraska (KDUH-TV), Lead, South Dakota (KHSD-TV), and Sheridan, Wyoming (KSGW-TV) to Schurz Communications. Duhamel will retain its radio properties (including KOTA radio); Schurz already owns a group of Black Hills radio stations under the New Rushmore Radio banner. Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids ends.[300][301]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Tribune Broadcasting takes over programming and operations of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's This TV, from Weigel Broadcasting, with the network moving its flagship position in Chicago from Weigel's WCIU-TV to Tribune's WGN-TV. The weekday/weekend Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids children's block is also ending, replaced with a Sunday three-hour block of unbranded E/I programming.[302][303]
2	Facing criticism for a lack of African-American women in its performing cast, *Saturday Night Live* makes light of the controversy by having guest host Kerry Washington play both First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey in its cold open sketch at the same time (along with a "disclaimer" explaining the reason).[304] *SNL* would address the situation in January 2014 with the addition of women of color in its cast (Sasheer Zamata) and writing staff.[305][306]
4	Gray Television announces that it will acquire KGNS/Laredo, KGWN/Cheyenne and its satellite KSTF/Scottsbluff, and KCWY/Casper and its satellite KCHY/Cheyenne from Yellowstone Holdings for $23 million. In the interim, Gray will operate the Yellowstone stations

	under a LMA, while pending FCC approval.[307]
6	Gray Television reaches an agreement to launch the ABC affiliation on KGNS/Laredo's subchannel in February 2014.[308]
	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces that it will purchase the seven stations of Grant Communications for $87.5 million. Due to Federal Communications Commission ownership regulations, one of the Grant stations, KLJB in Davenport, Iowa, will then be spun off to Mission Broadcasting, but will be operated by Nexstar through a shared services agreement.[309]
	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the non-license assets of WPFO, the Fox affiliate in Portland, Maine, from Corporate Media Consultants Group (which in turn is 49-percent owned by Max Media). Sinclair's existing Portland property, WGME-TV, has produced a newscast for the station since 2007.[310] On November 20, it was announced that Cunningham Broadcasting will acquire the license assets for $3.4 million.[311]
7	Dish Network announces that it will close its 300 remaining Blockbuster stores and DVD-by-mail service in January 2014, ending the video rental chain's 28 years in business. The Blockbuster name will still live on through Dish's suite of film channels, its online television and movie streaming services, and franchised brick-and-mortar operations.[312]
	Access.1 Communications is selling NBC affiliate WMGM-TV/Wildwood, New Jersey to LocusPoint Networks for $6 million. Upon the completion of the sale, Access.1 will continue to operate the station.[313]
9	KTUU-TV, the NBC affiliate in Anchorage, Alaska, is dropped by GCI in 22 rural Alaska communities, after the two sides were unable to come to a new retransmission agreement, though GCI still carries some KTUU and NBC programming in some of these areas through the Alaska Rural Communications Service. The dispute does not involve areas (including Anchorage) where GCI carries KTUU through must-carry. The move follows the sale of rival KTVA to GCI subsidiary Denali Media Holdings a week earlier, which KTUU had opposed over concerns that this move could be made. KTUU's channel slot on most of the affected systems is now occupied by Starz Kids & Family. Despite this dispute, KTUU extended its newscast carriage agreement with fellow NBC affiliates KATH-LD in Juneau and KSCT-LP in Sitka (which were also acquired by GCI/Denali at the same time it acquired KTVA) through November 22.[314][315][316]

10	CBS' *60 Minutes* airs a formal apology for its October 27 story on the September 2012 attack on a US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. The story, reported by Lara Logan (who gives her own apology in a November 8 chat with *CBS This Morning*), featured an interview with a security contractor who claimed to have witnessed the attack, a claim whose validity had been scrutinized since the broadcast.[317] On November 26, Logan and producer Max McClellan takes a leave of absence from the program as a result of an internal review issued by CBS News chairman Jeff Fager.[318]
11	Over a month after reluctantly undergoing a mammogram in a live feature for *Good Morning America* (at the urging of *GMA* host and breast cancer survivor Robin Roberts), ABC News correspondent Amy Robach returns to *GMA* to reveal that she will undergo a double mastectomy as a result of that test's discovery of a breast cancer tumor.[319]
	SpongeBob SquarePants premieres the episode "SpongeBob, You're Fired!", which deals with the sensitive subjects of unemployment and public assistance through the titular character losing his job. The episode attracts 5.2 million viewers, becoming Nickelodeon's highest rated non-special program in two years.[320]
12	As part of a graphics package refresh and a greater revamp aimed at "getting back to [its] roots", The Weather Channel unveils a news ticker-style weather information banner at the lower third of the screen. The ticker's constant appearance (during both regular programming and national commercial breaks) is a first for the channel.[321]
	Young Broadcasting and Media General completed their merger, 4 days after the FCC approved their merger.[322][323] Due to the way the merger is structured, Young Broadcasting's shareholders will control a majority of Media General's stock; however, the combined company will take the "Media General" name (with headquarters remaining in Richmond) and will own 30 stations, reaching 14% of the United States.
13	NBCUniversal announces it has taken full ownership in the preschooler-oriented channel Sprout, buying out the shares of founding partners PBS, Sesame Workshop, and Apax Partners.[324]
14	In a unanimous decision, the FCC votes to allow the examination, on a case-by-case basis, of requests by foreign entities to own broadcast properties beyond the 25% ownership limit imposed on them through the Communications Act of 1934.[325]
15	FXX acquires cable syndication and on-demand rights to all episodes of *The Simpsons* at an

	estimated price of $750 million, considered to be the largest off-network deal in television history. The show is scheduled to begin airing on FXX in August 2014.[326]
	Lockwood Broadcast Group announced that it would sell WQCW to Excalibur Broadcasting for $5.5 million. Upon completion of the sale, Gray Television will operate the station through a shared services agreement, becoming a sister station to NBC affiliate WSAZ-TV.[327]
	MSNBC places Alec Baldwin and his program *Up Late with Alec Baldwin* on a two-week suspension after a confrontation with a reporter from Fox O&OWNYW/New York City, who was seeking to question him about a court case in which Baldwin was testifying at a trial of a woman accused of stalking him. Baldwin then insulted the reporter after he brushed him off, including criticizing his station's parent company, which was followed by more insults, including using anti-gay slurs, at other members of the press and paparazzi. Baldwin immediately apologized to his viewers for his actions.[328] On November 26, Baldwin announced that he and MSNBC have agreed to end his program in part to his actions over the incident[329]
	The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the organization that oversees the Emmy Award, announced plans to transition to an online voting system. The two-year, two-step switchover will first cover the initial round of Emmy voting that determines the nominees across all categories. The online voting will be extended to all rounds of Television Academy's Emmy voting process, determining nominees and winners in all categories, starting in 2015.[330]
20	Gray Television announced it would purchase Hoak Media and Parker Broadcasting for $335 million, and North Dakota's Fox affiliates KNDX/KXND from Prime Cities Broadcasting for $7.5 million. In part of the deal Hoak's KHAS-TV, Parker's KXJB and KAQY, and the North Dakota Fox stations will be sold to Excalibur Broadcasting and operated by Gray under local marketing agreements.[331] To comply with FCC ownership limits, on December 19, Gray announced that Hoak's KREX and WMBB and will be sold to Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Parker's KFQX to Mission Broadcasting, for $37.5 million.[332]
	Raycom Media announces it will operate New Orleans' Fox affiliate WVUE-DT, through a shared services agreement. WVUE's owner, the Tom Benson-owned Louisiana Media Company, will continue to hold the license of the station.[333]
22	Numerous news programs and cable channels commemorate the 50th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy assassination by airing live memorials, retrospectives, analysis, and new

	documentaries.[334]
	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the non-license assets of Reno NBC affiliate, KRNV-DT, from Intermountain West Communications Company, for $26 million. It is expected to end the simulcast of KTVU newscasts airing on Fox station KRXI, and replace it with a KRNV-produced newscast.[335] On December 19, it was announced that Cunningham Broadcasting will acquire the license assets of KRNV and KENV for $6.5 million.[336][337]
23	The 50th anniversary of the debut of *Doctor Who* is commemorated with a global same-day simulcast of a special episode, "The Day of the Doctor". The premiere broadcast on BBC America attracts 2.4 million viewers, a record for the network.[338][339] An interactive game featuring all 11 Doctors debuts on Google.com.[340]
	Bill Cosby: Far From Finished airs on Comedy Central, Cosby's first stand-up comedy special in 30 years.[341]
	During a live telecast for a Thanksgiving Special on the Food Network, Giada De Laurentiis accidentally cuts her finger while slicing up a turkey roll. During the break she went to receive medical attention; she then returned to the set to finish out the special with a bandaged finger.[342]
24	With the series' producers reasoning it as a "fun way to shake things up" after 11 years, *Family Guy's* Brian Griffin dies after being hit by a car in the episode "Life of Brian", with the Griffins later adopting a new family dog, Vinny (voiced by Tony Sirico).[343] Brian is rescued from the dead (through Stewie Griffin's use of his time return pad) in the December 15 episode "Christmas Guy."[344]
	Resolving a story line that predates the series, Thomas Jane (Simon Baker) encounters — and kills — Napa County Sheriff Thomas McAllister (played by Xander Berkeley), aka Red John, the serial killer responsible for the murders of Jane's wife and daughter, in *The Mentalist* episode "Red John".[345]
25	Three days after her departure from ABC News is confirmed by the network,[346] Katie Couric inks a deal with Yahoo! to serve as "global anchor" for Yahoo! News.[347]
26	Amber Riley wins season 17 of *Dancing with the Stars*.[348]

December[edit]

Date	Event
2	Encore rebrands two of its multiplex channels: Encore Drama becomes Encore Black, targeting African American viewers, while Encore Love becomes the baby boomer-targeted Encore Classic. Encore also moves Encore Español from the Starz package to Spanish language tiers.[349] Additionally, all of the Encore channels remove the classic sunshine graphic that was used since its launch in 1991.
4	Popular *Good Morning America* weatherman Sam Champion appears on the program for the final time, as he leaves ABC after 25 years (18 with WABC-TV/New York City, and seven as weather anchor for ABC News) to become managing editor/program host at The Weather Channel in early 2014.[350]
	MSNBC host Martin Bashir submits his resignation in the wake of his graphic critique of Fox News commentator and former Alaska governor Sarah Palin in a November 15 commentary.[351]
5	Stating that "it could no longer effectively serve the Northern Shenandoah Valley", Gray Television-owned TV3 Winchester discontinues its local news and sales operations. The ABC affiliate, seen only on cable in the Winchester, Virginia area but also available over-the-air on sister station WHSV-DT3 in nearby Harrisonburg, had offered local content since its launch in 2007.[352]
6	Eleven months after dropping the channel's predecessor Current TV, Time Warner Cable begins adding Al Jazeera America to select TWC and Bright House Networks systems.[353] Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks are the first mainstream carriers in the country to offer the channel in high definition.
8	After five months of guest hosts in the wake of Howard Kurtz's departure from CNN, former *New York Times* reporter Brian Stelter officially debuts as the new host of *Reliable Sources*.[354]
9	Denali Media Holdings (a subsidiary of GCI) purchases three Alaska CBS affiliates from Ketchikan Television for $1 million. The stations includes KUBD/Ketchikan, KTNL-

	TV/Sitka and KXLJ-LD/Juneau.[355][356]
11	The United States bankruptcy court gives its initial approval for a plan by the creditors of Roberts Broadcasting (including Ion Media Networks) to transfer its remaining television stations—WRBU/St. Louis (MyNetworkTV), WZRB/Columbia, SC (CW), and WAZE-LP/WJPS-LP/WIKY-LP/Evansville, IN (dark) to a trust, with Ion as its beneficiary. Roberts' attorney subsequently states that Ion would purchase the stations for $7.75 million, which will allow Roberts to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.[357][358] Roberts had earlier proposed an alternate plan that would have had only the WAZE repeaters be transferred to the trust, with WRBU and WZRB being sold to Tri-State Christian Television.[357] Roberts had filed to sell WZRB to TCT subsidiary Radiant Life Ministries on December 2 in a $2 million deal,[359] and two days later filed to sell WRBU to TCT in a $5.5 million deal.[360]
12	Six years after retiring as host, Bob Barker makes a return appearance on *The Price Is Right* to commemorate his 90th birthday.[361]
15	El Rey, an English-language television channel by Robert Rodriguez and Univision Communications is launched.[362]
16	WeatherNation TV is added to DirecTV giving the mainly broadcast digital subchannel network its first national television carrier and providing competition to The Weather Channel on DirecTV systems.[363]
18	Gray Television announces its purchase Rapid City Fox affiliate KEVN-TV (and Lead satellite station, KIVV-TV) from Mission TV, LLC (unrelated to Nexstar-connected Mission Broadcasting) for $7.75 million.[364]
	A&E places *Duck Dynasty* star Phil Robertson on an indefinite suspension for comments he made regarding homosexuality and the civil rights era in an interview with *GQ*.[365] A&E reinstates Robertson on December 27.[366]
19	KGWN-TV/Cheyenne, Wyoming discontinues its "Northern Colorado 5" service, stating that "it could no longer effectively serve the Northern Colorado area." The service, which launched in 2008, served (and was seen on cable in) the Fort Collins area (within the Denver market); it was also available over-the-air via KGWN-DT2 from Cheyenne.[367]
23	Gannett Company completes its $2.2 billion purchase of the Dallas-based

	broadcasting/publishing company Belo Corporation.[368] The deal, originally announced on June 13 and approved by the FCC on December 20,[171][369] increases Gannett's TV station portfolio to 42 stations, including shared services agreements in Louisville and Portland in a sidecar agreement with Sander Media, a separate company owned by former Belo executive Jack Sander. (Gannett retains newspaper ownership in those markets.)[370][371] The deal does not include Belo's KMOV/St. Louis and KTVK/KASW/Phoenix; the United States Department of Justice announced on December 16 that Gannett and Sander Media would have to divest KMOV to another company to preserve competition between KMOV and Gannett-owned KSDK (Gannett would have provided some services to a Sander Media-owned KMOV under the original deal).[372] Gannett obliges on this date by agreeing to sell KMOV, KTVK, and KASW to Meredith Corporation for $407.5 million; the KASW license will then be transferred to SagamoreHill Broadcasting, as Meredith already owns KPHO-TV in Phoenix.[373]
27	Tribune Broadcasting officially closes on their purchase of most of Local TV's stations, with three stations in markets with Tribune newspaper ownership conflicts purchased by Dreamcatcher Broadcasting and receiving services from Tribune.[374]
29	In and end-of-year posting on her Facebook page, *Good Morning America* host Robin Roberts acknowledges having been in a ten-year relationship with another woman, becoming the latest TV personality to disclose their sexuality.[375]
30	Former *Today* hosts Bryant Gumbel and Jane Pauley return to the NBC morning show, serving as guest co-hosts alongside Matt Lauer.[376]
	The Price is Right contestant Sheree Heil becomes the biggest daytime game show winner in history. In the pricing game *Gas Money,* she won an Audi R8 V8 Spyder Quattro S Tronic valued at $157,300 and $10,000 in cash. Combined with her One Bid win of $3,045 of Prada shoes, her total winnings for the episode is $170,345.[377]
31	Soapnet formally discontinues programming on all cable and satellite providers after 14 years. The closure of the Walt Disney-owned soap opera-oriented cable channel comes over three years after Disney announced plans to replace it with Disney Junior, which launched on its own in 2012.[378]
	Time Warner Cable CEO Glenn Britt retires after 41 years with the company. He is succeeded by the company's President and COO, Robert Marcus, on January 1, 2014.[379]

Television programs[edit]

See also: 2012–13 United States network television schedule and 2013–14 United States network television schedule

Programs debuting in 2013[edit]

These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2013. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
January 1	*The Sisterhood*	TLC	[380]
	Totally T-Boz		[381]
	Storage Wars: New York	A&E	[382]
	Hardcore Pawn: Chicago	truTV	[383]
January 3	*Buckwild*	MTV	[384]
January 4	*Taste in Translation*	Cooking Channel	[385]
January 5	*Biggest and Baddest with Niall McCann*	Velocity	[386]
January 6	*Emeril's Florida*	Cooking Channel	[387]
	Making Mr. Right	VH1	[388]
January 7	*Deception*		[389]
	Black Ink Crew	NBC	[390]
	Vanderpump Rules	Bravo	[391]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
January 8	*Africa*	Discovery	[392]
January 9	*Washington Heights*	MTV	[393]
	60 Minutes Sports	Showtime	[394]
January 10	*1600 Penn*	NBC	[390]
	Double Divas	Lifetime	[395]
	The Killer Speaks	A&E	[396]
January 11	*Banshee*	Cinemax	[397]
	Sofia the First	Disney Junior	[398]
January 12	*Cyndi Lauper: Still So Unusual*	WE tv	[399]
	Staten Island Law	OWN	[400]
January 14	*The Carrie Diaries*	The CW	[401]
	Continuum	SyFy	[402]
	Pete Rose: Hits & Mrs.	TLC	[403]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Food Factory	Destination America	[404]
	Shipwreck Men	Discovery	[405]
January 15	*Real Husbands of Hollywood*	BET	[406]
	Second Generation Wayans		
	Redrum	Investigation Discovery	[407]
January 16	*The (206)*	KING-TV/Seattle	[408]
	Ghost Mine	SyFy	[409]
	Bobby's Dinner Battle	Food Network	[410]
	Kroll Show	Comedy Central	[411]
January 17	*King of the Nerds*	TBS	[412]
	Legit	FX	[413]
	Newsreaders	Adult Swim	[414]
January 19	*Stuff You Should Know*	Science	[415]
January 20	*Chasing the Saturdays*	E!	[416]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
January 21	*The Following*	Fox	[417]
January 22	The Scapegoat	Ovation	[418]
	The Taste	ABC	[419]
	Wild Deep	Animal Planet	[420]
	Edge of America	Travel Channel	[421]
January 23	*Kimora: House of Fab*	Style	[422]
	Big Rich Atlanta		
January 24	*Incredible Crew*	Cartoon Network	[423]
	Swamp Pawn	CMT	[424]
January 28	*Built*	Style	[425]
January 29	*Nikki & Sara Live*	MTV	[426]
	Starter Wives Confidential	TLC	[427]
	Southie Rules	A&E	[396]
January 30	*The Americans*	FX	[428]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
January 31	*Do No Harm*	NBC	[429]
February 1	*Belle's*	TV One	[430]
	House of Cards	Netflix	[431]
	Who the (Bleep)...	Investigation Discovery	[432]
February 2	*Power Rangers Megaforce*	Nickelodeon	[433]
February 4	*Monday Mornings*	TNT	[434]
	Raising America with Kyra Phillips	HLN	[435]
February 7	*Guinness World Records Gone Wild*	TruTV	[436]
February 8	*The Jenny McCarthy Show*	VH1	[437]
	The Job	CBS	[438]
	Something Borrowed, Something New	TLC	[439]
	Alpha Dogs	Nat Geo Wild	[440]
February 9	Old Folks Home	Science Channel	[441]
February 10	*Car Lot Rescue*	Spike	[442]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Kings of Crash	Velocity	[443]
	Gypsy Sisters	TLC	[444]
February 11	*Bang Goes the Theory*	BBC America	[445]
February 12	*The Face*	Oxygen	[446]
February 14	Immortalized	AMC	[447]
	Freakshow		
	Zero Hour	ABC	[419]
	Failosophy	MTV	[448]
	DC Cupcakes: County Fair	TLC	[449]
February 16	*Wendell & Vinnie*	Nickelodeon	[450]
February 18	*Inside Combat Rescue*	National Geographic Channel	[451]
February 19	*Cult*	The CW	[452]
	The Jeselnik Offensive	Comedy Central	[411]
	Peter Rabbit	Nickelodeon	[453]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
February 20	*Weed Country*	Discovery	[454]
	Pot Cops		[454]
February 21	*Upload with Shaquille O'Neal*	truTV	[455]
	For What It's Worth	VH1 Classic	[456]
February 22	*Alien Dawn*	Nicktoons	[457]
	Out There	IFC	[458]
February 25	*Burning Love*	E!	[459]
February 26	*Golden Boy*	CBS	[460]
	Armed & Ready	Travel Channel	[461]
	Mac Miller and the Most Dope Family	MTV2	[462]
	Robot Combat League	SyFy	[463]
February 27	*Stranded*		[409]
	Rescue My Renovation	DIY Network	[464]
February 28	*The Ben Show*	Comedy Central	[411]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Nathan for You		
March 2	*Blackboard Wars*	OWN	[465]
March 3	*Red Widow*	ABC	[419]
	Vikings	History	[466]
	Welcome to Myrtle Manor	TLC	[467]
March 4	*LA Shrinks*	Bravo	[468]
	Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?	National Geographic Channel	[469]
March 5	Prospectors	Weather Channel	[470]
	Treasure Detectives	CNBC	[471]
	The Car Chasers		[471]
March 6	Feed the Beast	Travel Channel	[472]
March 7	*L.A. Frock Stars*	Smithsonian Channel	[473]
March 12	*Family Trade*	GSN	[474]
	Dead of Night	Investigation Discovery	[475]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
March 14	*Funeral Boss*	Discovery Fit & Health	[476]
March 17	*Playing with Fire*	E!	[477]
	Wicked Single	VH1	[478]
March 18	*Bates Motel*	A&E	[479]
	Gizmodo: The Gadget Testers	BBC America	[480]
March 19	*Splash*	ABC	[419]
	Urban Tarzan	Spike	[481]
March 20	*Foodiculous*	Travel Channel	[482]
March 21	*Forecasting the End*	The Weather Channel	[483]
March 23	*Monsters vs. Aliens*	Nickelodeon	[484]
March 24	*Married to Medicine*	Bravo	[485]
	Monsters and Mysteries in America	Destination America	[486]
March 25	Loaded	The Weather Channel	[483]
March 30	*Rebel Eats*	Food Network	[487]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
March 31	*Bad Samaritans*	Netflix	[488]
April 1	*The Gossip Game*	VH1	[489]
	(Get to) The Point	CNN	[490]
April 3	*How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life)*	ABC	[419]
	Forever Young	TV Land	[491]
	Rogue	Audience Network	[492]
April 4	*Hannibal*	NBC	[493]
	Casino Confidential	TLC	[494]
	America's Worst Tattoos		
April 6	*Garage Gold*	DIY Network	[495]
April 7	*The Sheards*	BET	[496]
April 9	*The Kandi Factory*	Bravo	[497]
	Ready For Love	NBC	[390]
	Find Me My Man	Oxygen	[498]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
April 10	*Deep South Paranormal*	SyFy	[499]
April 11	*The Moment*	USA Network	[500]
April 12	*Da Vinci's Demons*	Starz	[501]
April 13	*Life with La Toya*	OWN	[502]
	Bet on Your Baby	ABC	[503]
April 14	*Fashion Queens*	Bravo	[504]
	Naked Castaway		[505]
April 15	*Defiance*	SyFy	[506]
	Burger Land	Travel Channel	[507]
	Henry Hugglemonster	Disney Junior	[508]
April 16	*Who Gets the Last Laugh?*	TBS	[509]
	Flip or Flop	HGTV	[510]
April 17	*Off Pitch*	VH1	[511]
April 18	*Your Pretty Face Is Going to Hell*	Adult Swim	[512]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
April 19	*Hemlock Grove*	Netflix	[513]
	Blade Brothers	Discovery Channel	[514]
April 20	*Raising Whitley*	OWN	[502]
April 21	*Dog and Beth: On the Hunt*	CMT	[515]
	Guntucky		[516]
	I'm Married to a...	VH1	[489]
	What Would Ryan Lochte Do?	E!	[517]
	Ice Cold Gold	Animal Planet	[518]
April 22	*Rectify*	Sundance Channel	[519]
	Brain Games	National Geographic	[520]
April 23	*Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life*	MTV	[521]
	Girl Code		[522]
	Backyard Oil	Discovery	[523]
	Teen Titans Go!	Cartoon Network	[524]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
April 25	*Giving You the Business*	Food Network	[525]
April 29	*XOX Betsey Johnson*	Style	[526]
	Red White & New	Travel Channel	[527]
April 30	*Inside Amy Schumer*	Comedy Central	[411]
	Crowd Rules	CNBC	[528]
May 1	*Family Tools*	ABC	[419]
	The Big Brain Theory	Discovery Channel	[529]
May 2	*Karma's A B*tch*	Investigation Discovery	[530]
	The Show with Vinny	MTV	[531]
	Zach Stone Is Gonna Be Famous		[532]
May 3	*Maron*	IFC	[533]
May 6	*Newlyweds: The First Year*	Bravo	[534]
	Pizza Cuz	Cooking Channel	[535]
	Take Me to Your Mother	Nick Jr.	[536]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
May 7	*I Hate My Yard*	DIY Network	[495]
May 9	*Monumental Mysteries*	Travel Channel	[537]
	Mountain Movers	National Geographic Channel	[538]
May 12	*Family Tree*	HBO	[539]
	Breaking Amish: Brave New World	TLC	[540]
	Ultimate Survival Alaska	National Geographic Channel	[541]
May 19	*Life Below Zero*		[542]
	North America	Discovery	[543]
May 20	*The Goodwin Games*	Fox	[544]
	Motive	ABC	[545]
	Girl, Get Your Mind Right	MTV	[546]
May 21	*Bad Girls All-Star Battle*	Oxygen	[547]
May 23	*Does Someone Have to Go?*	Fox	[544]
	Save Me	NBC	[548]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Showville	AMC	[549]
May 25	*Sanjay and Craig*	Nickelodeon	[550]
May 26	*Rock My RV*	Travel Channel	[551]
	Marvel's Avengers Assemble	Disney XD	[552]
May 28	*Never Do This at Home*	Spike	[553]
	Family S.O.S. with Jo Frost	TLC	[554]
	Brooklyn DA	CBS	[555]
May 29	*The American Baking Competition*		[556]
	The Haves and the Have Nots	OWN	[557]
	Love Thy Neighbor		[557]
	Dancing Fools	ABC Family	[558]
May 30	*Renovation Raiders*	HGTV	[510]
May 31	*Treehouse Masters*	Animal Planet	[559]
	Marriage Boot Camp: Bridezillas	WE tv	[560]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
June 1	*Pregnant & Dating*		[561]
	Staged to Perfection	HGTV	[510]
June 2	*Princesses: Long Island*	Bravo	[505]
	The Wanted Life	E!	[562]
	Top Hooker	Animal Planet	[563]
June 3	*Mistresses*	ABC	[564]
	The Fosters	ABC Family	[565]
June 4	*Exit*	SyFy	[566]
	Pretty Wicked Moms	Lifetime	[567]
June 5	*The Good Buy Girls*	TLC	[554]
	Beverly Hills Pawn	ReelzChannel	[568]
June 6	*Race To The Scene*		[568]
	The Hero	TNT	[569]
	72 Hours		[569]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Graceland	USA Network	[570]
June 8	*Sinbad*	SyFy	[571]
	Primeval: New World		[571]
	Sam & Cat	Nickelodeon	[572]
	Disrupt with Karen Finney	MSNBC	[573]
June 9	*Stroumboulopoulos*	CNN	[574]
June 10	*New Day*		[575]
	King & Maxwell	TNT	[569]
	Deon Cole's Black Box	TBS	[576]
	Street Outlaws	Discovery Channel	[577]
	The Winner Is	NBC	[578]
June 11	*Twisted*	ABC Family	[565]
	Renovate to Rent	HGTV	[510]
	My Teen is Pregnant and So Am I	TLC	[554]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
June 12	*Dig Wars*	Travel Channel	[527]
June 13	*House of Curves*	WE tv	[579]
June 18	*Blood And Oil*	Discovery	[580]
June 19	*Fight Master: Bellator MMA*	Spike TV	[581]
	The Soup Investigates	E!	[582]
June 23	*Whodunnit?*	ABC	[583]
	Devious Maids	Lifetime	[584]
	Crossing Lines	NBC	[578]
	Naked and Afraid	Discover Channel	[585]
	Crimes of the Century	CNN	[586]
	Morgan Spurlock Inside Man		[587]
June 24	*Under the Dome*	CBS	[588]
June 30	*Ray Donovan*	Showtime	[589]
July 1	*Below Deck*	Bravo	[590]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Siberia	NBC	[591]
	AwesomenessTV	Nickelodeon	[592]
July 5	*Warlocks Rising*	Discovery Channel	[593]
	Philly Throttle		
July 7	*Bikinis & Boardwalks*	Travel Channel	[594]
	Food Court Wars	Food Network	[595]
July 8	*Get Out Alive with Bear Grylls*	NBC	[548]
	Kentucky Bidders	truTV	[596]
	God, Guns & Automobiles	History	[597]
July 9	*Property Envy*	Bravo	[598]
	Drunk History	Comedy Central	[599]
July 10	*The Bridge*	FX	[600]
	Camp	NBC	[548]
July 11	*Hollywood Game Night*		[578]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Orange Is the New Black	Netflix	[601]
	Summer Camp	USA	[602]
July 13	*Beware the Batman*	Cartoon Network	[603]
	The Haunted Hathaways	Nickelodeon	[604]
	Bounty Hunters	CMT	[605]
July 14	*Hillbillies for Hire*		[605]
	Pop Innovators	E!	[606]
July 15	*Kris*	Fox O&Os	[607]
	The Real		[608]
July 16	*Perfect Score*	The CW	[609]
	Killer Contact	SyFy	[610]
July 17	*Wedding Island*	TLC	[611]
	Deal with It	TBS	[612]
July 19	*Miss U Much*	VH1	[613]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Liv and Maddie	Disney Channel	[614]
July 20	*Cedar Cove*	Hallmark Channel	[615]
July 21	Brother vs. Brother	HGTV	[510]
	Breaking Amish: LA	TLC	[616]
July 22	*Supermarket Superstar*	Lifetime	[617]
July 23	Power Broker	HGTV	[510]
July 24	*The Vineyard*	ABC Family	[565]
	Spell-Mageddon		[618]
	Joe Rogan Questions Everything	SyFy	[619]
July 25	*Glam & God*	WE tv	[560]
July 26	*Would You Fall for That*	ABC	[620]
July 27	*Axe Cop*	Fox	[621]
	High School USA!		[621]
July 28	*Total Divas*	E!	[622]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
July 29	*The Writers' Room*	Sundance Channel	[623]
July 30	*The Profit*	CNBC	[624]
	Capture	The CW	[625]
July 31	The Hunt		[609]
	Best Daym Takeout	Travel Channel	[626]
	Shark Hunters	NBCSN	[627]
August 1	*Hatfields & McCoys: White Lighting*	History	[628]
	Please Like Me	Pivot	[629]
	TakePart Live		[630]
August 2	*Saint Hoods*	Discovery Channel	[631]
August 3	*In the Flesh*	BBC America	[632]
	Rabbids Invasion	Nickelodeon	[633]
August 4	*RIDE-iculous*	Travel Channel	[594]
August 5	The Shed	Food Network	[634]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
August 6	*The Legend of Shelby the Swamp Man*	History	[635]
August 11	*Marvel's Hulk and the Agents of S.M.A.S.H.*	Disney XD	[552]
	Eat, Drink, Love	Bravo	[505]
	Low Winter Sun	AMC	[549]
	Talking Bad		
	Bad Ink	A&E	[636]
	Cutthroat Kitchen	Food Network	[637]
August 12	*PAW Patrol*	Nickelodeon	[638]
	Legal View with Ashleigh Banfield	CNN	[639]
August 13	*Cash Dome*	truTV	[596]
	Heroes of Cosplay	SyFy	[640]
	Porter Ridge	Discovery Channel	[641]
	Tickle		[642]
	Doomsday Castle	National Geographic	[643]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
August 14	Let It Ride	Channel	[644]
August 15	*Owner's Manual*	AMC	[549]
August 16	*Wander Over Yonder*	Disney Channel & Cartoon Network	[645]
August 19	*Crowd Goes Wild*	Fox Sports 1	[646]
August 21	*Modern Dads*	A&E	[647]
August 26	*Olbermann*	ESPN2	[648]
August 27	*Cosworld*	SyFy	[610]
September 2	*Uncle Grandpa*	Cartoon Network	[649]
September 3	*My Big Fat Revenge*	Oxygen	[650]
	We're the Fugawis	History	[651]
September 4	*Digfellas*	Travel Channel	[652]
September 6	*Hello Ross*	E!	[653]
September 8	*Media Buzz*	Fox News Channel	[654]
September 9	*The Million Second Quiz*	NBC	[655]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	The Test	First-run syndication	[656]
	Supreme Justice With Judge Karen		[657]
	OK!TV		[658]
September 11	*Thieves Inc.*	Food Network	[659]
	Too Young To Marry?	Oxygen	[446]
September 15	*The Great Santini Brothers*	History Channel	[660]
September 16	*Sleepy Hollow*	Fox	[661]
September 17	*Dads*		[661]
	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		
	The New Atlanta	Bravo	[662]
	I Dream of NeNe: The Wedding		[663]
September 18	*Big Freedia: Queen of Bounce*	Fuse TV	[664]
September	*Mom*	CBS	[665]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
23	*Hostages*		
	The Blacklist	NBC	[666]
	Paternity Court	First-run syndication	[667]
September 24	*Fangasm*	SyFy	[668]
	Who Wore It Better	E!	[669]
	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	ABC	[670]
	The Goldbergs		
	Trophy Wife		
	Lucky 7		
September 25	*Back in the Game*		[670]
September 26	*The Crazy Ones*	CBS	[665]
	The Michael J. Fox Show	NBC	[666]
September 27	*MasterChef Junior*	Fox	[661]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
September 28	*CBS Dream Team*	CBS	
September 29	*Masters of Sex*	Showtime	[589]
	Betrayal	ABC	[670]
	Instant Mom	Nick at Nite	[671]
September 30	*The Real Story with Gretchen Carlson*	Fox News Channel	[237]
	We Are Men	CBS	[665]
October 1	*Dukes Of Haggle*	Discovery Channel	[672]
October 2	*Super Fun Night*	ABC	[670]
	Ironside	NBC	[666]
October 3	*Welcome to the Family*		[666]
	Sean Saves the World		
	The Millers	CBS	[665]
	Man, Cheetah, Wild	Discovery Channel	[673]
	The Originals	The CW	[674]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Society X with Laura Ling	E!	[675]
October 4	*Cassadee Pope: Frame by Frame*	CMT	[676]
October 6	*Witches of East End*	Lifetime	[677]
	Alaskan Women Looking for Love	TLC	[678]
	T.D. Jakes Presents: Mind, Body & Soul	BET	[679]
October 7	*Peg + Cat*	PBS Kids	[680]
October 9	*The Tomorrow People*	The CW	[681]
	Big Tips Texas	MTV	[682]
October 10	*Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*	ABC	[670]
October 11	*Up Late with Alec Baldwin*	MSNBC	[683]
October 14	*The Thundermans*	Nickelodeon	[684]
October 15	*Criss Angel: BeLIEve*	Spike	[685]
October 16	*Gem Hunt*	Travel Channel	[686]
October 17	*Reign*	The CW	[674]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
October 18	*The Birthday Boys*	IFC	[687]
October 20	*Guy's Grocery Games*	Food Network	[688]
October 21	*Bar Hunters*	Discovery Channel	[689]
October 22	*Ravenswood*	ABC Family	[690]
	Chasing Nashville	Lifetime	[691]
	Trust Me, I'm a Game Show Host	TBS	[692]
October 23	*Best Funeral Ever*	TLC	[693]
October 24	*Million Dollar Shoppers*	Lifetime	[694]
	Scrubbing In	MTV	[695]
	Restaurant Divided	Food Network	[696]
October 25	*Dracula*	NBC	[666]
	Styled to Rock	Bravo	[697]
October 27	*The Governor's Wife*	A&E	[698]
	Hiring Squad	Spike	[699]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
October 28	*The Pete Holmes Show*	TBS	[700]
October 29	*Naked Vegas*	SyFy	[668]
November 3	*It Takes A Choir*	USA	[701]
	Restaurant Express	Food Network	[702]
November 4	*Steven Universe*	Cartoon Network	[703]
November 6	*Mother Up!*	Hulu	
November 8	*The Lylas*	WE tv	[704]
November 10	*Thicker than Water*	Bravo	[705]
	American Jungle	History	[706]
November 14	*Ground Floor*	TBS	[692]
November 17	*Almost Human*	Fox	[707]
	On the Rocks	Food Network	[708]
November 24	*Getting On*	HBO	[709]
	Ja'mie: Private School Girl		[710]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
	Breaking the Faith	TLC	[711]
November 25	*Generation Cryo*	MTV	[712]
December 2	*Bakery Boss*	TLC	[713]
December 4	*Kirstie*	TV Land	[714]
	Mob City	TNT	[715]
December 5	Panic Button	truTV	[716]
	Courtney Loves Dallas	Bravo	[717]
December 8	*Dude, You're Screwed*	Discovery	[718]
December 15	*Rodeo Girls*	A&E	[719]

Programs entering syndication in 2013[edit]

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (3 or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
Bob's Burgers	3	Yes	[720]
Bridezillas	10	No	[721]

The Cleveland Show	4	No	[722]
Glee	5	Yes	[723]
The Middle	4	Yes	[724]
Modern Family	4	Yes	[725]
Sanctuary	4	No	[726]

Programs changing networks[edit]

The following shows will air new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes.

<table>
<tr><th>Show</th><th>Moved from</th><th>Moved to</th><th>Source</th></tr>
<tr><td>Mudcats</td><td>History</td><td>National Geographic Channel</td><td>[727]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse</td><td>TBS</td><td>OWN</td><td>[728]</td></tr>
<tr><td>UFC Tonight</td><td>Fox Sports 2</td><td rowspan="2">Fox Sports 1</td><td>[729]</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Ultimate Fighter</td><td rowspan="4">FX</td><td>[730]</td></tr>
<tr><td>It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia</td><td rowspan="3">FXX</td><td rowspan="3">[731]</td></tr>
<tr><td>The League</td></tr>
<tr><td>Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell</td></tr>
<tr><td>MDA Show of Strength</td><td>First-run</td><td>ABC</td><td>[732]</td></tr>
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Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
	syndication		
Wild 'n Out	MTV	MTV2	[733]
Big Brother: After Dark	SHO2	TVGN	[734]
The Penguins of Madagascar	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons	
T.U.F.F. Puppy			
Robot and Monster			
House of Anubis		TeenNick	[735]
Arrested Development	Fox	Netflix	[736]
Cops		Spike	[125]
Cougar Town	ABC	TBS	[737]
All My Children		The Online Network	[738]
One Life to Live			
NBA Inside Stuff		NBA TV	[739]
Whose Line Is It Anyway?	ABC Family	The CW	[740]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Who Do You Think You Are?	NBC	TLC	[741]
Celebrity Ghost Stories	Bio	LMN	[742]
The Haunting of...			[743]
I Killed My BFF			[744]
Killer Kids			[745]

Returning this year[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Source
The Joe Schmo Show	2004	Spike	Same	January 8	[746]
The Fairly OddParents	2012	Nickelodeon		March 23	
All My Children	2011	ABC	The Online Network/Hulu	April 29	[738]
Arrested Development	2006	Fox	Netflix	May 26	[747]
The Venture Bros	2010	Adult Swim	Same	June 2	[748]
Drop Dead Diva	2012	Lifetime		June 23	[749]

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<tr><td>Who Do You Think You Are?</td><td>2012</td><td>NBC</td><td>TLC</td><td>July 23</td><td>[741]</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Arsenio Hall Show</td><td>1994</td><td>Syndicated</td><td rowspan="5">Same</td><td rowspan="2">September 9</td><td>[750]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Crossfire</td><td>2005</td><td>CNN</td><td>[751]</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Heart, She Holler</td><td>2011</td><td>Adult Swim</td><td>September 10</td><td>[752]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cyberchase</td><td rowspan="2">2010</td><td>PBS Kids</td><td>October 7</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Little People, Big World</td><td>TLC</td><td>October 29</td><td>[753]</td></tr>
<tr><td>NBA Inside Stuff</td><td>2005</td><td>ABC</td><td>NBA TV</td><td>November 2</td><td>[739]</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Sing-Off</td><td>2011</td><td>NBC</td><td>Same</td><td>December 9</td><td>[754]</td></tr>
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Milestone episodes in 2013[edit]

Show	Network	Episode#	Episode Title	Episode air date	Source
Days of Our Lives	NBC	12,000th	N/A	January 11	[755]

Fringe	Fox	100th	"An Enemy of Fate"	January 18	[756]
Psych	USA Network	100th	"100 Clues"	March 27	
Castle	ABC	100th	"The Lives of Others"	April 1	[757]
The Office	NBC	200th	"Finale" (part 1)	May 16	[758]
Keeping Up with the Kardashians	E!	100th	"Life's a Beach (House)"	August 11	[759]
The Soup	E!	500th	N/A; 2 live broadcasts for Eastern & Pacific feeds	August 21	[760]
Big Brother	CBS	500th	N/A	September 5	[761]
It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia	FXX	100th	"The Gang Saves The Day"	October 9	[762]
Modern Family	ABC	100th	"Farm Strong"	October 9	[763]
Grey's Anatomy	ABC	200th	"Puttin' on the Ritz"	October 10	[764]
The Middle		100th	"The 100th"	October 23	[765]
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CBS	300th	"Frame by Frame"	October 23	[766]
The Good Wife	CBS	100th	"The Decision Tree"	December 1	[767]
The Chew	ABC	500th	"The Chew's 500th	December 3	[768]

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Programs ending in 2013[edit]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source
January 3	*Generator Rex*	Cartoon Network	2010	Ended	
January 7	*Motorcity*	Disney XD	2012	Canceled	[769]
	The Mob Doctor	Fox			[770]
January 15	*Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*	ABC			[771]
January 18	*Fringe*	Fox	2008	Ended	[772]
January 22	*Ben and Kate*		2012	Canceled	[773]
	Private Practice	ABC	2007	Ended	[774]
January 23	*X-Play*	G4	2003	Canceled	[775]
	Attack of the Show!		2005		[775]
January 24	*Last Resort*	ABC	2012		[776]
January 31	*30 Rock*	NBC	2006	Ended	[777]

February 2	*Victorious*	Nickelodeon	2010	Canceled	[778]
February 4	*Hoarders*	A&E	2009		[779]
February 5	*Emily Owens, M.D.*	The CW	2012		[780]
February 6	*Love You, Mean It with Whitney Cummings*	E!			[781]
February 7	*Buckwild*	MTV			[782]
	Do No Harm	NBC	2013		[783]
February 14	*Handy Manny*	Disney Junior	2006	Ended	
February 15	*The Job*	CBS	2013	Canceled	[784]
	Planet Sheen	Nickelodeon	2010	Ended	
February 18	*Pair of Kings*	Disney XD			
February 22	*CSI: NY*	CBS	2004	Canceled	[785]
February 25	*Bunheads*	ABC Family	2012		[786]
February 27	*Guys with Kids*	NBC			[787]
February 28	*Zero Hour*	ABC	2013		[788]
March 3	*Star Wars: The Clone Wars*	Cartoon	2008	Ended	

		Network			
	Enlightened	HBO	2011	Canceled	[789]
March 12	*The Lying Game*	ABC Family	2011	Canceled	
March 18	*Deception*	NBC	2013	Canceled	[790]
March 22	*Malibu Country*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[791]
March 25	*Sid the Science Kid*	PBS Kids	2008	Canceled	
March 27	*Whitney*	NBC	2011	Canceled	[792]
March 28	*1600 Penn*	NBC	2013	Canceled	[793]
March 31	*190 North*	WLS-TV/Chicago	1998	Canceled	[794]
April 2	*The New Normal*	NBC	2012	Canceled	[795]
April 5	*Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated*	Cartoon Network	2010	Ended	
April 5	*Cult*	The CW	2013	Canceled	[796]
April 8	*Monday Mornings*	TNT	2013	Canceled	[797]
April 11	*Go On*	NBC	2012	Canceled	[798]

April 14	*Imagination Movers*	Disney Junior	2008	Ended	
April 17	*Southland*	TNT	2009	Canceled	[799]
April 19	*Out There*	IFC	2013		
April 23	*Ready for Love*	NBC			[800]
April 27	*Marvin Marvin*	Nickelodeon	2012		[801]
	Supah Ninjas		2011		
May 1	*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*				[802]
May 3	*Happy Endings*	ABC			[803]
May 5	*Red Widow*		2013		[804]
	The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes	Disney XD	2010	Ended	
May 8	*The Troop*	Nickelodeon	2009		
May 10	*Touch*	Fox	2012	Canceled	[805]
	Vegas	CBS			[806]
May 13	*90210*	The CW	2008		[807]
May 14	*Golden Boy*	CBS	2013		[808]

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<tr><td>June 17</td><td>House of Anubis</td><td>Nickelodeon</td><td>2011</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>June 19</td><td>The Ricki Lake Show</td><td>Syndicated</td><td>2012</td><td>[820]</td></tr>
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June 21	*Rock Center with Brian Williams*	NBC	2011		[821]
June 26	*How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life)*	ABC	2013		[822]
July 7	*Family Tree*	HBO	2013		[823]
July 9	*Betty White's Off Their Rockers*	NBC	2012		[824]
July 10	*Family Tools*	ABC	2013		[825]
July 13	*666 Park Avenue*	ABC	2012		[776]
July 18	*Intervention*	A&E	2005		[826]
July 21	*The Chris Matthews Show*	Syndicated	2002	Ended	[827]
July 25	*Big Time Rush*	Nickelodeon	2009	Ended	
August 31	*Fox News Watch*	Fox News Channel	1997	Canceled	[654]
September 4	*Futurama*	Comedy Central	1999	Canceled	[828]
September 6	*Judge Joe Brown*	Syndicated	1998	Canceled	[829]
September 12	*Burn Notice*	USA Network	2007	Ended	[830]
September	*The Jeremy Kyle Show*	Syndicated	2011	Canceled	[831]

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September 21	*Cookie Jar TV*	CBS	2009	Ended	
September 22	*Dexter*	Showtime	2006		[832]
	Wendell & Vinnie	Nickelodeon	2013	Canceled	
September 27	*America Live with Megyn Kelly*	Fox News Channel	2010		[237]
September 29	*Breaking Bad*	AMC	2008	Ended	[833]
October 1	*Lucky 7*	ABC	2013	Canceled	[834]
October 4	*PBS Kids Go!*	PBS Kids	2004	Ended	
October 6	*Low Winter Sun*	AMC	2013	Canceled	[835]
October 7	*We Are Men*	CBS			[836]
October 17	*Welcome to the Family*	NBC			[837]
October 18	*What Not to Wear*	TLC	2003		[838]
October 23	*Ironside*	NBC	2013		[837]
October 27	*Metalocalypse*	Adult Swim	2006	Ended	

October 29	*Nikki & Sara Live*	MTV	2013	Canceled	[839]
October 31	*Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids*	This TV	2008	Ended	
November 8	*Up Late with Alec Baldwin*	MSNBC	2013	Canceled	[840]
November 10	*Shake It Up*	Disney Channel	2010		[841]
November 14	*Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*	FXX	2012		[842]
November 16	*Pound Puppies*	Hub Network	2010	Ended	
December 1	*Naruto*	Adult Swim	2005		
December 2	*MAD*	Cartoon Network	2010		
December 7	*The Fresh Beat Band*	Nick Jr.	2009		
	Pokémon: Black & White	Cartoon Network	2011		
December 19	*The X Factor*	Fox		Canceled	[843]
December 27	*Nikita*	The CW	2010	Ended	[844]

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel	Source
February 26	*Parade's End*	HBO	[845]
March 3	*The Bible*	History	[846]
March 18	*Top of the Lake*	Sundance	[847]
March 24	*Phil Spector*	HBO	[848]
May 26	*Behind the Candelabra*		[849]
June 1	*Deadly Spa*	Lifetime	[850]
June 8	The Good Mother		[850]
June 15	Gone Missing		[850]
	Playing Father	Hallmark Channel	[851]
June 22	*Jodi Arias: Dirty Little Secret*	Lifetime	[850]
June 29	*Anna Nicole*		[852]
	Star Spangled Banner	Hallmark Channel	[851]
July 11	*Sharknado*	Syfy	[853]

July 19	*Teen Beach Movie*	Disney Channel	
August 1	*Our Nixon*	CNN	[854]
August 8	*Invasion Roswell*	SyFy	[855]
August 10	*Clear History*	HBO	[856]
	Reading, Writing & Romance	Hallmark Channel	[857]
August 17	This Magic Moment	Hallmark Movie Channel	[858]
	Baby Sellers	Lifetime Network	[859]
August 22	Ghost Shark	SyFy	[855]
August 24	*Garage Sale Mystery*	Hallmark Movie Channel	[860]
	Swindle	Nickelodeon	[861]
September 4	*The Flag*	CNN	[862]
September 5	*Ragin Cajun Redneck Gators*	SyFy	[668]
September 6	Dear Dumb Diary	Hallmark Channel	[863]
September 7	*A Sister's Nightmare*	Lifetime	[864]
September 14	*Sins of the Preacher*		[864]

	Robocroc	SyFy	[668]
	Friend Request	Hallmark Movie Channel	[865]
September 20	The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Hallmark Channel	[866]
September 21	*Taken: The Search For Sophie Parker*	Lifetime	[864]
September 28	*The Cheating Pact*		[864]
October 5	*House of Versace*		[867]
	Dead Letters	Hallmark Channel	[868]
October 19	*The Mystery Cruise*		[869]
	Missing at 17	Lifetime	[870]
October 21	*Crazy, Sexy, Cool: The TLC Story*	VH1	[871]
October 24	*Blackfish*	CNN	[872]
October 25	The Hunters	Hallmark	[873]
October 26	*The Husband She Met Online*	Lifetime	[870]
November 8	*Pete's Christmas*	Hallmark Channel	[874]

November 9	Snow Bride		[875]
November 10	*A Very Merry Mix-up*		[876]
November 16	*The Christmas Ornament*		[877]
November 17	*Catch a Christmas*		[878]
	Letters To Jackie: Remembering President Kennedy	TLC	[879]
November 22	*An Adventure in Space and Time*	BBC America	[338]
November 23	*Window Wonderland*	Hallmark Channel	[880]
November 24	*Fir Crazy*		[881]
November 29	*Jinxed*	Nickelodeon	[882]
November 30	Let It Snow	Hallmark Channel	[883]
December 1	The Christmas Spirit		[884]
	Christmas in Conway	ABC	[885]
December 5	*The Sound of Music Live!*	NBC	[886]
December 7	*Santa Switch*	Hallmark Channel	[887]
December 8	Holidaze	ABC Family	[888]

December 8–9	*Bonnie and Clyde: Dead and Alive*	A&E, History, Lifetime (simultaneous airing)	[889][890]
December 14	*Hats Off to Christmas*	Hallmark Channel	[891]
December 15	*Finding Christmas*		[892]

Television stations[edit]

Station launches[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Source
January 14	Alpena, Michigan	WBKB-DT3	11.3	ABC	[893]
January 23	Seattle, Washington	KFFV-DT5	44.5	WeatherNation TV	[894]
April 1	Madison, Wisconsin	WMTV	15.3	Antenna TV	[895]
September 1	North Platte, Nebraska	KNPL-LD	10.1	CBS	[896]
November 1	Chicago, Illinois	WGN-TV	9.3	This TV	

Stations changing network affiliation[edit]

The following is a list of television stations that have made or will make noteworthy network affiliation changes in 2013.

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Source
January 31	Evansville, Indiana	WTVW	7.1	Independent	The CW	[897]

February 25	Knoxville, Tennessee	WMAK		Daystar	Independent	[898]
March 1	Fort Wayne, Indiana	WISE-TV	33.2	Fox (primary), MyNetworkTV (secondary)	MyNetworkTV (exclusive)	[40]
		WFFT-TV	55.1	Independent	Fox	
March 4	Burlington, Vermont	WPTZ	5.2	MeTV (exclusive)	The CW (primary), MeTV (secondary)	[899]
		WFFF-TV	44.2	The CW	Independent	
March 11	Indianapolis, Indiana	WDNI-CD	19.1	Independent	Telemundo	[900]
	Washington, D.C.	WJLA-TV	7.2	The Local AccuWeather Channel	MeTV	[901]
April 1	Superior, Nebraska	KSNB-TV	4.1	Antenna TV (affiliation to remain on 4.2)	MyNetworkTV	[902]
April 17	Boise, Idaho	KIVI-TV	6.3	Retro Television Network	The Nashville Network	[903]
May 24	Jackson, Mississippi	WRBJ	34.1	The CW	TBN	[904]

June 12	Columbus, Ohio	WBNS-TV	10.2	The Local AccuWeather Channel	Antenna TV	[citation needed]
July 1	Charlotte, North Carolina	WCCB	18.1	Fox	The CW	[905]
		WJZY	46.1	The CW	Fox	[28]
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	WDJT-TV	58.4	Shorewest TV (Time-buy Real estate listings)	TouchVision	[906]
August 1	Panama City, Florida	WMBB-TV	13.2	This TV	MeTV	[citation needed]
	New Orleans	WLAE	32.1	PBS	Educational Independent	[196]
August 20	New York, New York	WRNN-TV	48.2	Al Jazeera English	Blue Ocean Network	[citation needed]
September 30	Wilmington, North Carolina	WWAY	3.2	Retro Television Network	The CW	[907]
	Jackson, Mississippi	WJTV	12.2	Weather Radar		[citation needed]
October 14	Macon, Georgia	WMAZ-TV	13.2			[908]

October 31	Flint/Tri-Cities, Michigan	WJRT-TV	12.3	The Local AccuWeather Channel	WeatherNation TV	[909]
November 1	Chicago, Illinois	WCIU-TV	26.5	This TV	Bounce TV	[910]

Station closures[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Sign-on date	Source
January 3	Evansville, Indiana	WAZE/WJPS/WIKY	17/4/5	The CW	October 15, 1983 (WAZE on Ch. 19); 1985 (WJPS); 2005 (WIKY); March 24, 2011 (LPTV simulcasts)	[911]
June 30	Marion & Norton, Virginia	WMSY-TV/ WSBN-TV	47/52	PBS	March 30, 1971 (WSBN-TV); August 1, 1981 (WMSY-TV) (both satellites of WBRA-TV/Roanoke, Virginia)	[912]
October 10	Las Vegas, Nevada	KTUD-CD	25	IND	February 12, 1999	[276][277]

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
Jan.	Patti Page	85	Singer, songwriter, actress, and television personality	[913]

1			(Credits include *Music Hall*, *United States Steel Hour*, *The Big Record* and *The Patti Page Show*)	
	Barbara Werle	84	Actress (*McHale's Navy*, *Channing*, *Mister Roberts*, *Laredo*, *The Road West*, *Ironside*, *The Virginian* and *San Francisco International Airport)*	[914]
Jan. 2	Jim Boyd	79	Actor and puppeteer, known for his role of J. Arthur Crank and others in *The Electric Company*	[915]
	Ned Wertimer	89	Actor, best known as Ralph Hart on *The Jeffersons*	[916]
Jan. 4	Tony Lip	82	Actor (Carmine Lupertazzi on *The Sopranos*)	[917]
Jan. 7	Huell Howser	67	TV personality, narrator, voice actor, journalist (host of *California's Gold* on KCET/Los Angeles; Weekend host/reporter for *Entertainment Tonight*; news reporter for WSM-TV/Nashville and WCBS-TV/New York City)	[918]
Jan. 11	Jimmy O'Neill	72	American television/radio personality and actor (host of *Shindig!*)	[919]
Jan. 14	Conrad Bain	89	Actor (Arthur Harmon in *Maude*, Phillip Drummond in *Diff'rent Strokes*)	[920]
Jan. 17	Sophiya Haque	41	British singer, actress and television personality (*House of Anubis*)	[921]
Jan. 23	Susan Douglas Rubes	87	Actress (*Suspense*, *Robert Montgomery Presents*, *Guiding Light*, *Westinghouse Studio One*, *Street Legal Due South*)	[922]
Feb.	Ed Koch	88	Politician (Mayor of New York City 1979–88), TV/radio personality/host (judge on *The People's Court* and	[923]

1			hosting *Saturday Night Live*)	
	Robin Sachs	61	British actor (*Buffy The Vampire Slayer*)	[924]
Feb. 2	John Kerr	81	Actor (*Peyton Place*, *The F.B.I.*, *Police Story*)	[925]
	Chris Kyle	38	Decorated US Navy SEAL, author ("American Sniper", based on his experience as a sniper in the Iraq War) and reality television participant (*Stars Earn Stripes*)	[926]
Feb. 8	Elizabeth Alley	58	Actress (TV appearances include the recurring role of Melinda Fall in *Sunset Beach* and guest appearances on *Diagnosis: Murder*, *Frasier*, *V.I.P.*, *Days of Our Lives*)	[927]
Feb. 11	Mark Balelo	40	Businessman and reality television participant (*Storage Wars*)	[928]
Feb. 15	Pat Derby	69	Animal trainer and activist (Credits include *Flipper*, *Lassie*, *Daktari* and commercials featuring the Mercury pumas with Farrah Fawcett)	[929]
Feb. 17	Mindy McCready	37	Country singer and reality television participant (*Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew*)	[930]
Feb. 19	Lou Myers	76	Actor (Vernon Gaines on *A Different World*)	[931]
Feb. 27	Dale Robertson	89	Actor and director (Credits includes leading roles in *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *The Iron Horse*, *Death Valley Days* {co-host}, *Dynasty*, *J.J. Starbuck*)	[932]
Mar. 1	Bonnie Franklin	69	Actress and director (Ann Romano on *One Day at a Time*)	[933]

Mar. 5	Bill Moody	58	Wrestling and sport entertainment manager, promoter, businessman, and licensed mortician (Known to WWE fans as Paul Bearer and TNA as Percy Pringle III)	[934]
Mar. 14	Malachi Throne	84	Character actor (Notable roles include False Face in *Batman* and Noah Bain in *It Takes a Thief*)	[935]
Mar. 18	Henry Bromell	65	Writer and producer (*Northern Exposure*, *I'll Fly Away*, *Homicide: Life on the Street*, *Brotherhood*, *Rubicon*, *Homeland*)	[936]
Mar. 19	Lester Lewis	46	Comedy writer and producer (writing credits include *The Office*, *Caroline in the City*, *Baby Daddy*, *Jonas L.A.*, *The PJs*, *The Larry Sanders Show*)	[937]
	Lori March	90	Actress (*One Life to Live*, *The Edge of Night*, *Texas*, *Another Life*, *Another World*, *Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*)	[938]
Mar. 21	Robert Nichols	88	Actor (*My Little Margie*, *It's a Great Life*, *Navy Log*)	[939]
Mar. 24	Peter Duryea	73	Actor (*Dragnet*, *Family Affair*, appeared in the pilot episode of Star Trek, entitled *The Cage*)	[940]
Mar. 26	Don Payne	48	Screenwriter (*The Simpsons*, *Veronica's Closet*, *Hope and Gloria*)	[941]
Mar. 30	Phil Ramone	79	Record producer (won an Emmy Award for best sound editing for *Duke Ellington...We Love You Madly* in 1973)	[942]
Mar. 31	Helena Carroll	84	Actress (*General Hospital*, *Edge of Night*, *Loving Couples*, *Laverne and Shirley*, *Murder She Wrote*)	[943]
Apr.	Jane Henson	78	Puppeteer and widow of Jim Henson (*Sam and Friends*, *The*	[944]

2			*Muppet Show*)	
	Milo O'Shea	86	Character actor (*Cheers*, *The West Wing*)	[945]
Apr. 3	Jean Sincere	93	Actress (*Lux Video Theatre*, *Glee*, *iCarly*)	[946]
	William H. Ginsburg	70	Lawyer for Monica Lewinsky during her sexual scandal involving President Bill Clinton, who on February 1, 1998, became the first person to appear on five major Sunday morning talk shows on the same day: *This Week*, *Fox News Sunday*, *Face the Nation*, *Meet the Press*, and *Late Edition* on CNN, which would later become known as "The Full Ginsburg"	[947]
Apr. 4	Roger Ebert		Film critic, reviewer, historian, screenwriter, author and preservationist (co-creator of *Sneak Previews* on WTTW/Chicago and *At the Movies*, which had three runs: 1982–90, 1986–2010, and 2011–12)	[948]
Apr. 8	Annette Funicello		Actress and singer (original Mouseketeer on *The Mickey Mouse Club*, *Make Room for Daddy*, *A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes: The Annette Funicello Story*, her last acting role, playing herself in present-day scenes)	[949]
Apr. 11	Jonathan Winters	87	Comedian and actor (*Davis Rules*, *Mork & Mindy*, *The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley*)	[950]
Apr. 13	Frank Bank	71	Actor (Lumpy Rutherford in *Leave It to Beaver* and *The New Leave It to Beaver*)	[951]
Apr. 14	Christine White	86	Actress (*Perry Mason*, *The Loretta Young Show*, *The Twilight Zone* and *Ichabod and Me*)	[952]
Apr. 16	Pat Summerall	82	Sportscaster and journalist with CBS and Fox Sports	[953]

Apr. 19	Allan Arbus	95	Actor (Dr. Sidney Freedman on *M*A*S*H*)	[954]
Apr. 20	Glenn Cannon	80	Actor (*Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *The Outer Limits*, *Combat!*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Jake and the Fatman*, *Lost*)	[955]
Apr. 25	Virginia Gibson	88	Dancer, singer and actress (*Studio 57*, *The Colgate Comedy Hour*, *The Johnny Carson Show*, *So This Is Hollywood*)	[956]
Apr. 26	George Jones	81	Country music singer (Notable appearances include *Hee Haw*, *That Good Old Nashville Music* and the 2008 Kennedy Center Honors)	[957]
	Jacqueline Brookes	82	Actress (*The Secret Storm*, *Another World*, *Lou Grant*, *Ryan's Hope*, *Miami Vice*, *The Equalizer*, *Law & Order* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*)	[958]
Apr. 28	Jack Shea	84	Director (*The Jeffersons*, *Designing Women*) and president of the Directors Guild of America, 1997–2002	[959]
May 1	Chris Kelly	34	Rapper, known as "Mac Daddy" of the duo Kris Kross (*In Living Color*, *A Different World* and *Rugrats*)	[960]
May 3	Mario Machado	78	Newscaster, actor, producer and sports announcer (Alumni of KNXT and KHJ/Los Angeles and voice of NASL and FIFA World Cup broadcasts)	[961]
May 8	Jeanne Cooper	84	Actress (Katherine Chancellor on *The Young and the Restless* since 1973, recurring regular on *L.A. Law*, playing alongside real-life son and series regular Corbin Bernsen)	[962]
May 9	Ron Weaver	75	Producer (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Sesame Street*)	[963]

May 10	Laurence Haddon	90	Actor (*Dr. Kildare*, *Dennis the Menace*, *Hazel*, *Barnaby Jones*, *Trapper John, M.D.*, *Lou Grant*, *Dallas*, *Knots Landing*)	[964]
May 13	Dr. Joyce Brothers	85	Psychologist and TV personality (hosted her own syndicated series; winner on *The $64,000 Question* for her knowledge on boxing; *Hollywood Squares*, etc.)	[965]
May 14	Brian Kahle	—	American news anchor and emcee (KHJ-TV/Los Angeles, *AM Buffalo* on WKBW-TV)	[966]
May 15	Linden Chiles	80	Character actor (*East Side/West Side*, *Perry Mason*, *The Virginian*, *The F.B.I.*, *Banacek*, *Cannon*, *The Streets of San Francisco*, *James at 16*)	[967]
May 17	Alan O'Day	72	Singer/songwriter (Composed and performed music for *Muppet Babies* and *Really Wild Animals*)	[968]
	Ken Venturi	82	Professional golfer (champion of the 1964 US Open) and analyst for PGA Tour on CBS	[969]
May 18	Steve Forrest	87	Actor (Lt. Dan "Hondo" Harrelson in *The Rookies* and its spin-off *S.W.A.T.*)	[970]
May 24	Ed Shaughnessy	84	Musician and jazz drummer (bandmember for *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*)	[971]
May 28	Don Oliver	76	Correspondent for NBC News	[972]
May 31	Jean Stapleton	90	Actress (Edith Bunker in *All in the Family* and its spin-off *Archie Bunker's Place*)	[973]
	Tim Samaras	55	A group of meteorologists and professional storm chasers	[974]

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<tr><td>June 6</td><td>Maxine Stuart</td><td>94</td><td>Actress (The Edge of Night, The Rousters, and "The Eye of the Beholder" episode of The Twilight Zone)</td><td>[975]</td></tr>
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<tr><td>July 13</td><td>Cory Monteith</td><td>31</td><td>Canadian actor (Finn Hudson on Glee; The Simpsons, The Cleveland Show, Kyle XY)</td><td>[981][982]</td></tr>
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<tr><td>July 20</td><td>Helen Thomas</td><td>92</td><td>Journalist and author, member of The White House press corps since the Kennedy administration, and also an occasional contributor to Sunday morning talk shows</td><td>[984]</td></tr>
<tr><td>July</td><td>Dennis Farina</td><td>69</td><td>Actor, consultant, host (Detective Joe Fontana on Law &</td><td>[985]</td></tr>
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22			*Order*, Albert Lombard in *Miami Vice*, Detective Lt. Mike Torello on *Crime Story*, host of *Unsolved Mysteries*, Victor Pellet in *In-Laws*), and a member of Chicago Police Department's Burglary Division from 1968 to 1985	
July 25	Mark Corwin	65	Game show director (*Wheel of Fortune*)	[986]
July 27	Kidd Kraddick	53	Radio and television personality, host of the syndicated *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning* radio show and contributor on *Dish Nation*	[987]
	Herb Kaplow	86	Journalist for NBC and ABC News	[988]
July 30	Eileen Brennan	80	Comedic actress (Capt. Doreen Lewis in both the film and television versions of *Private Benjamin*; *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, *Taxi*, *Newhart*, *Thirtysomething*, *Will & Grace*)	[989]
July 31	Michael Ansara	91	Syrian-born actor (*Law of the Plainsman*, *Broken Arrow*, *Star Trek*, *Batman: The Animated Series*)	[990]
Aug. 3	John Palmer	77	Reporter for *NBC Nightly News*, and host of *Today*, *NBC News at Sunrise*	[991]
Aug. 5	George Duke	67	Jazz and contemporary musician, composer, keyboardist and arranger (*Sunday Night* and appearing on *American Bandstand*, *Soul Train*)	[992]
Aug. 7	Marilyn King	82	Singer and actress, part of The King Sisters musical family that hosted their own variety series from 1965 to 1966 and again in 1969	[993]
Aug. 8	Karen Black	74	Actress, singer and songwriter (*Adam-12, Mannix*, *Judd, for the Defense*)	[994]

Aug. 10	Sean Sasser	44	Reality TV participant and LGBT rights activist (*The Real World: San Francisco*)	[995]
	Eydie Gormé	84	Singer and wife/partner of entertainer Steve Lawrence (*The Tonight Show*, *The Hollywood Palace*)	[996]
Aug. 11	Henry Polic II	68	Actor (Jerry Silver on *Webster*), voice actor (Scarecrow in *Batman: The Animated Series*) host (*Double Talk*)	[997]
Aug. 12	Gia Allemand	29	Reality TV participant, model, and dancer (season 14 of *The Bachelor* and *Bachelor Pad*)	[998]
Aug. 14	Lisa Robin Kelly	43	Actress (Laurie Forman on *That '70s Show*)	[999]
Aug. 19	Lee Thompson Young	29	Actor (Jett Jackson on *The Famous Jett Jackson*, Detective Barry Frost on *Rizzoli & Isles*)	[1,000]
Aug. 20	Ted Post	95	TV/film director (*Gunsmoke*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Peyton Place*)	[1,001]
	Elmore Leonard	87	Author (created the characters in the TV shows *Maximum Bob*, *Karen Sisco*, and *Justified*)	[1,002]
Aug. 24	Julie Harris		Actress (Lilimae Clements on *Knots Landing*; *Thicker than Water*, *The Family Holvak*)	[1,003]
Aug. 25	William Froug	91	Writer and producer (*The Twilight Zone*, *Gilligan's Island*, *Bewitched*)	[1,004]
Aug. 26	Bruce Dunning	73	Foreign correspondent for CBS News	[1,005]

Aug. 31	David Frost	74	British journalist and TV presenter (US work including *That Was the Week That Was*, *Inside Edition*, The Nixon Interviews)	[1,006]
Sep. 8	Cal Worthington	92	Car salesman/pitchman (known for his "My Dog Spot" commercials)	[1,007]
Sep. 10	John Hambrick	73	Anchor/reporter (work at WEWS-TV/Cleveland and WTVJ/Miami among other stations) and actor (*Playhouse 90*, *Friday Night Lights*)	[1,008]
Sep. 12	Ray Dolby	80	Audio engineer and founder of Dolby Laboratories, a popular manufacturer of home theater audio systems	[1,009]
Oct. 1	Tom Clancy	66	Author (created the characters in the TV movies *NetForce* and *Op-Center*)	[1,010]
Oct. 16	Ed Lauter	74	Character actor (*Mannix*, *Kojak*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Miami Vice*, *The X-Files*, *Law & Order*, *ER*, *Grey's Anatomy*)	[1,011]
Oct. 17	Lou Scheimer	84	Producer (co-founder of Filmation and producer of such animated series as *The Archie Show*, *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*, *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*)	[1,012]
Oct. 18	Mary Carver	89	Actress (Cecilia Simon on *Simon & Simon*)	[1,013]
Oct. 25	Marcia Wallace	70	Actress (Carol Kester on *The Bob Newhart Show*), voice actress (Edna Krabappel on *The Simpsons*), game show panelist (*Password*, *Hollywood Squares*)	[1,014]
Nov. 23	Jay Leggett	50	Actor/writer/producer (*In Living Color*, *ER*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Factory*)	[1,015]

Nov. 26	Jane Kean	90	Actress and singer (Trixie Norton in *The Honeymooners* segments of *The Jackie Gleason Show*)	[1,016]
	Tony Musante	77	Actor (*Toma* and *Oz*)	[1,017]
Nov. 28	Danny Wells	72	Actor (*The Jeffersons*, *The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!*)	[1,018]
	Brian Wood	64	Reporter on WNEM-TV/Flint/Tri-Cities from 1986 to 2013	[1,019]
Nov. 30	Paul Crouch	79	Broadcasting executive and TV evangelist/host, founder of Trinity Broadcasting Network	[1,020]
	Paul Walker	40	Actor (*Charles in Charge, Who's the Boss?*, *The Young and the Restless*)	[1,021]
Dec. 1	Christopher Evan Welch	48	Actor (*Rubicon*, *Law & Order*, *Elementary*)	[1,022]
Dec. 2	Bill Beckwith	38	Building contractor and TV personality (co-host of HGTV's *Curb Appeal*)	[1,023]
Dec. 6	Kate Williamson	82	Actress (Mrs. Rogers in *Ellen* and guest roles in *Life Goes On*, *Seinfeld*)	[1,024]
Dec. 8	Don Mitchell	70	Actor (Detective Mark Sanger on *Ironside*)	[1,025]
Dec. 12	Mac McGarry	87	TV personality (host of *It's Academic*)	[1,026]
	Tom Laughlin	82	Actor, producer, author and political activist (*Climax!* and *Riverboat*)	[1,027]
	Audrey Totter	95	Actress (*Medical Center*)	[1,028]

Dec. 14	Peter O'Toole	81	Irish producer, director, author, actor (*Heaven And Hell: North And South, Book III*, *Crossing to Freedom*, *Masada*)	[1,029]
Dec. 17	Richard Heffner	88	Public TV executive and personality (founder/GM of WNET/New York City; host of *The Open Mind*)	[1,030]
Dec. 26	Allan McKeown	67	English actor, producer and director (co-producer of *Tracey Takes On...* and *Tracey Ullman's State of the Union* with wife Tracey Ullman)	[1,031]
Dec. 31	James Avery	68	Actor (Philip Banks on *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, Alonzo Sparks on *Sparks*) and voice actor (Shredder on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*)	[1,032]

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2014 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting American television in 2014. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and rebrandings; stations changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about changes of ownership of channels or stations, controversies and carriage disputes.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
2	The Al Jazeera Media Network announces that they will acquire Current TV from an ownership group fronted by Al Gore and Joel Hyatt, with the intention to replace it with an American version of its Al Jazeera News network later in 2013.[1] The announcement becomes the catalyst in Time Warner Cable's decision to drop Current TV from its systems, as TWC plans to drop several channels due to low viewership and to contract renegotiations within the year.[2][3]
	Cox Communications removes eight stations owned by Raycom Media in six markets due to a retransmission dispute. The markets affected were Cleveland (two stations), Baton Rouge, Tucson, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Richmond (two stations), and Panama City, Florida.[4]
5	For the first time since 2002, VH1 changes its logo font (VH+1, with the H+ mashed together) and adopts several new slogans such as "We Complete You", to reflect their conversion to a broader entertainment channel.[5] VH1 Classic and VH1 Soul did not have logo changes. Also, Food Network changed their logotype to a slightly less-serifed type of lettering the following day.[6]
7	Univision Communications rebrands its TeleFutura network as UniMás.[7]
8	ESPN issues an apology involving Brent Musburger's comments he made about Alabama

	quarterback A. J. McCarron and his girlfriend, Katherine Webb, during the telecast of the 2013 BCS National Championship Game.[8] A week later, Musberger said, live and on the air, that sideline reporter Holly Rowe was "smoking hot".[9]
	ABC moves *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* to the 11:35 p.m. (ET) slot, putting it in direct competition with NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and CBS's *Late Show with David Letterman*. *Nightline* moves to the 12:35 a.m. (ET) timeslot and will expand to a primetime hour-long edition that will air on Friday nights in the 9 p.m. (ET) timeslot starting in March.[10]
10	After only one season, Britney Spears announces that she will leave *The X Factor* (amid rumors and tensions between her and the show after the conclusion of the second season) to return to recording.[11]
11	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces it will sell CW affiliate WLWC/Providence, Rhode Island to OTA Broadcasting, LLC for $13.75 million, pending FCC approval.[12]
14	CBS affiliate WBKB-TV in Alpena, Michigan, the only commercial television station in its market, begins carrying ABC programming on its third digital subchannel, giving the Alpena market its first full-time ABC affiliate.[13]
15	Communications Corporation of America announces its intent to sell all 25 of its stations in ten markets located in Texas, Louisiana, and Indiana.[14][15]
16	Former Democratic United States Congressman and Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich joins Fox News Channel as a political analyst and contributor.[16]
17	OTA Broadcasting purchases My Family TV affiliate WYCN-LP/Nashua, New Hampshire from New Hampshire 1 Network, Inc. for $4.1 million. Under the deal, New Hampshire 1 Network (run by Bill Binnie, whose Carlisle One Media owns independent station WBIN-TV in nearby Derry) will continue to operate the station upon consummation of the sale.[17]
18	NRJ TV acquires 2 stations owned by Titan Broadcast Management. It acquires Estrella TV affiliate KTNC/San Francisco for $13.5 million and independent station KUBE/Houston for $19 million. Titan will continue to operate both stations upon the sale's consummation. The acquisition of KTNC will create a legal duopoly in the San Francisco market with MundoFox affiliate KCNS (which was bought by NRJ, a company which Titan holds a

24	minority equity stake, for $15 million in 2011).[18]
	Time Warner Cable announces that they will no longer accept ads for guns or any form of firearms on all its cable systems. The move comes after an ad from the National Rifle Association (which in turn was a response to a plan that is being implemented by the Obama Administration to issue a ban on assault weapons in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting) began airing on The Sportsman Channel, which TWC happens to offer on their systems[19]
20	Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice joins CBS News as a contributor/commentator.[20]
24	Fox affiliate WXXA/Albany officially discontinues its 5 and 11 p.m. newscasts, concentrating instead on its morning and 10 p.m. newscasts. The move is related to WXXA's shared services agreement with ABC affiliate WTEN, which has its own newscasts at 5 and 11 p.m.[21]
	After years of being "bumped" due to the show "running out of time", Matt Damon exacts revenge on Jimmy Kimmel by taking over as host of this date's airing of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*[22]
25	Sarah Palin parts ways with Fox News Channel after a three-year stint as a contributor.[23] The separation is short-lived, as Palin rejoins Fox News on June 13.[24]
28	Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers confirm the formation of a new regional sports network, SportsNet LA, in partnership with Time Warner Cable. The network, whose content will be controlled by the Dodgers, will air Dodgers broadcasts beginning in 2014 (a 25-year deal estimated at $7–8 billion and subject to MLB approval), supplanting incumbent rightsholders Prime Ticket and KCAL-TV.[25]
	Fox Television Stations announces its purchase of the Capitol Broadcasting-owned duopoly in the Charlotte market: WJZY (The CW) and WMYT-TV (MyNetworkTV).[26][27] The $18 million deal, which is completed on April 17, leads to the end of WCCB's 27-year run as Charlotte's Fox affiliate, with the network's programming moving to WJZY on July 1 (WCCB takes over CW affiliation on that date).[28][29][30]
31	Married political analysts James Carville and Mary Matalin parts ways with CNN, both citing the network's desire to move in a new direction and to focus on other projects.[31]

	After seven seasons and 138 episodes, *30 Rock* aired its final two episodes, "Hogcock!" and "Last Lunch", which featured a cameo from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and a nod to the final scene from *St. Elsewhere* in which NBC programming president (and revealed to be immortal) Kenneth Parcell (Jack McBrayer) is pitched a pilot for a sitcom, aptly named *30 Rock*, by Liz Lemon's (Tina Fey) great-granddaughter 100 years in the future.[32]

February[edit]

Date	Event
3	CBS airs Super Bowl XLVII, which includes a 34-minute power outage in the third quarter, a surprise reunion of Destiny's Child during the halftime show,[33]and a Baltimore Ravens victory over the San Francisco 49ers by a score of 34–31.[34] With an estimated 108.4 million viewers, it ranked third on the most-watched list, behind Super Bowls XLIV and XLVI.[35]
4	Fox affiliate KLRT/Little Rock discontinued its weeknight 10 p.m. newscast, while in turn debuting a new weekday morning newscast and reducing the hour-long 5 p.m. newscast to a half-hour 5:30 p.m. show. This is related to KLRT and its CW-affiliated sibling KASN forming a outsourcing agreement with Nexstar Broadcasting (owners of NBC affiliate KARK and MyNetworkTV affiliate KARZ), forming a virtual quadropoly, in which all four will be based in KARK's studios.[36]
	CBS' *Hawaii Five-0* aired an updated remake of the original series' sixth-season episode "Hookman", using the same scripts and locations from the 1973 broadcast. The episode was directed by Peter Weller, who also played the amputee sniper (that was originally played by real-life amputee actor Jay J. Armes) who has a hatred for Honolulu Police Department officers by targeting the individuals, including Commander Steve McGarrett (Alex O'Loughlin), whose father, in this version of the remake, was responsible for his loss of his hands.[37]
5	Fox News Channel announces that it has dropped political analyst Dick Morris from the network and will not renew his contract. Morris believed that the decision by Fox to drop him can be traced to his "prediction" that Mitt Romney would beat Barack Obama in a landslide during the 2012 Election, only to be proven wrong by the network on election night.[38]
6	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces its acquisition of NBC affiliate KSEE/Fresno, California from Granite Broadcasting for $26.5 million. The station will be operated in tandem with CBS affiliate KGPE, which it acquired in 2012 from Newport Television, through a time

	brokerage agreement until the sale is approved.[39]
	Nexstar also settles a lawsuit against Granite Broadcasting that alleged that the latter company controlled advertising sales through its carriage of five network affiliations on two Fort Wayne, Indiana stations (WISE-TV and co-managed WPTA), resulting in that market's Fox affiliation returning to WFFT-TV from WISE's second subchannel on March 1, reversing a 2011 switch that resulted from a dispute between Nexstar and Fox over retransmission compensation.[40][41]
	After announcing in 2012 that they would exercise their option to buy six stations from Sinclair Broadcast Group, Fox Television Stations decides to pass on acquiring any of the stations.[42] However at the same time, Sinclair announces that they are looking to add more stations to the 87 they own or operate in 47 television markets.[43]
	Catamount Broadcasting agrees to sell CBS affiliate KHSL/Chico, California to GOCOM Media, LLC for $7 million. The deal includes its local marketing agreement with NBC affiliate KNVN (owned by Evans Broadcasting).[44]
8	Charter Communications acquires cable provider Optimum West from Cablevision Systems Corporation for $1.6 billion. The sale closed during the third quarter of 2013 with Optimum West customers directed to Charter's site thereafter.[45]
11	The Emergency Alert System infrastructure of CBS affiliate KRTV/Great Falls, Montana is broken into with a false audible warning of a zombie apocalypse over both the main signal and their CW digital subchannel, along with a request to tune into 920 AM – a station that does not exist in Great Falls – for more information (an audio recording of this incident that was broadcast February 12 on WIZM-FM/La Crosse, Wisconsin simultaneously set off the EAS receiver of CBS affiliate WKBT).[46][47] The station quickly denied the EAS warning was true, suggesting a hacker invasion into the EAS system.[48] A similar EAS intrusion incident took place hours later in Marquette, Michigan, when PBS member station WNMU and ABC affiliate WBUP had the same message carried over both stations' signals.[49][50]
12	Comcast announces it will purchase the remaining 49% stake of NBCUniversal from General Electric for $16.3 billion, ending 27 years of GE's ownership of NBC in some capacity.[51]
13	LIN Media rescinds its 24% ownership stake in (de facto) NBC owned-and-operated stations KXAS-TV/Fort Worth-Dallas and KNSD/San Diego, paying NBCUniversal a $100

	million withdrawal from the joint venture involving the two stations.[52]
	Former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, who turned down an offer to run for the seat that was vacated by John Kerry in the special election, joins Fox News Channel as a contributor/analyst.[53] A day later, Herman Cain also joins the network for the same duties as well.[54]
	Upstart company Rural Broadband Investments (created though a partnership with private equity firm GTCR) acquires cable provider New Wave Communications, which serves rural areas of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Arkansas, from Pamlico Capital. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.[55]
14	CBS Corporation acquires a minority ownership interest in event-oriented cable channel AXS TV (joining stakes owned by Mark Cuban, Anschutz Entertainment Group, Ryan Seacrest Media and the Creative Artists Agency in the joint venture). The specific percentage of CBS' stake in the network was not disclosed.[56]
16	All seven stations owned by Grant Broadcasting System II disappear from Dish Network due to a dispute over retransmission consent|retransmission fees (markets affected by the blackout are Huntsville, Alabama, Davenport, Iowa (two stations), Roanoke, Virginia (two stations) and La Crosse, Wisconsin).[57]
18	Reflecting the new direction of CNN under the leadership of new network president Jeff Zucker, the 'flipper' ticker on the bottom of the screen, which displayed headlines from CNN.com's RSS feeds, is replaced with a traditional scrolling news ticker, returning the scroll to CNN for the first time since 2008.[58]
19	16-year-old Prince Michael Jackson I joins *Entertainment Tonight* as their new correspondent, making him the youngest reporter ever in the 32-year history of the program. However, due to his status as a minor, his role will be on a limited basis.[59]
	Another former political veteran switches jobs to television, as Barack Obama's former campaign advisor and former journalist David Axelrod joins NBC News and MSNBC as their political analyst/commentator.[60]
24	The 85th Academy Awards telecast makes history when First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama announces the winner for Best Picture (*Argo*) live from the White

	House.[61]
25	Cox Media Group sells its four small market television stations in El Paso, Texas, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Reno, Nevada and Steubenville, Ohio to Sinclair Broadcast Group for $99 million. Cox is selling these stations in order to focus on its larger market stations.[62] Concurrently, Deerfield Media will acquire the license assets of Reno's KAME-TV, which has long been operated by Cox, from Ellis Communications.[63] Sinclair also announced the formation of a subsidiary, Chesapeake Television, which will focus on smaller markets such as those served by the four former Cox stations.[63][64]
	Hubbard Broadcasting acquires MyNetworkTV affiliate WNYA/Pittsfield, Massachusetts from Venture Technologies Group, which will create a duopoly with nearby Albany, New York NBC affiliate WNYT for $2.3 million, pending FCC approval. The station is seeking a 'failed station waiver' to acquire the station.[65][66]
	Diane Dostinich acquires the 51% ownership stake in Daystar affiliate KKJB/Boise that was held by station co-owner Gary Cocola of Cocola Broadcasting for $1.2 million.[67]
26	Cablevision files an antitrust lawsuit against Viacom in a Manhattan federal court, alleging that the media conglomerate illegally forced the cable provider to carry 14 lower-rated channels (such as VH1 Classic, Palladia and MTV Hits) in order to carry higher-profile cable networks owned by Viacom such as MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central.[68]
28	Sinclair Broadcast Group reaches a retransmission consent agreement with DirecTV. The removal of 87 Sinclair owned or operated stations in 47 markets would have occurred on March 1, if a new retransmission consent agreement was not reached before the prior carriage deal expired.[69]
	Sinclair also adds more stations to its portfolio, as it acquires the 18 Barrington Broadcasting stations (and the LMA/SSAs of six that Barrington operates) in a $370 million deal. However, Sinclair will spin off WSYT/Syracuse (including transferring the LMA of WNYS to another company) and WYZZ/Bloomington-Peoria due to overlapping in the two markets, along with turning over four others to Cunningham Broadcasting.[70]
	Negotiations break down between "Judge" Joe Brown and CBS Television Distribution over plans to cut his salary for his self-titled syndicated court show, which could see Brown splitting from CTD and taking his show elsewhere if the dispute is not resolved, as Brown has yet to sign a new deal. CTD announced that if Brown leaves, it would offer stations another

	courtroom show to make up for Brown's series contract into 2015 as a backup. On March 26, CTD announced that *Judge Joe Brown* was canceled and scrubbed plans for another courtroom show after stations balked on having a replacement. Brown is still looking for a new deal to have his show sign with another distributor.[71]
	The creators behind the ABC sitcom *Home Improvement*, Matt Williams, Carmen Finestra, Tam O'Shanter and David McFadzean (under the banner Wind Dancer Productions), file a lawsuit against The Walt Disney Company, seeking millions of dollars in revenue for failing to properly exploit the series after it went into syndication in 1995, including claims that they never received 75% of the show's profits after the series ended its run (in 1999).[72]

March[edit]

Date	Event
1	Fox Sports South and SportSouth announce they have picked up 45 more Atlanta Braves games, ending the team's contract with WPCH-TV. The 2013 season is the first in 40 years without locally produced Braves games on over-the-air TV.[73]
4	CNBC takes over production of the *Nightly Business Report* (the NBCUniversal-owned cable channel purchased the rights to the program from investment firm Atalaya Capital Management on February 21); however, American Public Television will continue to distribute *NBR* solely for public television stations throughout the country. Production of the program will move to CNBC's studios in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.[74]
	ABC affiliate WKPT-TV/Kingsport, Tennessee debuts local newscasts at 6 and 11 p.m., the first full-fledged newscasts broadcast on the station since it terminated a news share agreement with CBS affiliate WJHL-TV in 2008 (and the first to be produced in-house since WKPT's previous news department shut down in 2002). The half-hour newscasts – which air only on weeknights – originate from WKPT's studios in downtown Kingsport.[75]
5	Major League Soccer announces a deal with MyNetworkTV owned-and-operated station WPWR-TV/Chicago (owned by Fox Television Stations) to broadcast 20 Chicago Fire games during the 2013 season (WPWR previously served as the team's over-the-air television broadcaster during the 2011 season).[76]
13	Kroenke Sports Enterprises acquires the Outdoor Channel for $227 million.[77]

14	MSNBC names Chris Hayes (host of the weekend morning program *Up with Chris Hayes*) as its new 8 p.m. ET host effective April 1. Hayes will succeed Ed Schultz, whose program *The Ed Show* immediately went on hiatus after its March 14 broadcast, and will return later in April as part of the channel's weekend afternoon schedule (and expanding to two hours).[78][79][80]
19	New York Supreme Court judge Robert Muller files an injunction barring Lifetime from airing or promoting *Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story* (premiering on March 23), following a lawsuit filed by Porco – who was convicted of his father's murder and the attempted killing of his mother in 2004 – on grounds that events depicted in the made-for-cable film were fictionalized (despite not having seen the movie). On March 21, a New York appellate court lifted the injunction following an appeal filed by Lifetime, alleging the risk of financial damage due to its $3 million investment in the film and violations of constitutional speech protections.[81][82][83]
	Tribune Company forms Tribune Studios (not to be confused with the formerly owned Los Angeles studio facility that once held the same name), which will primarily produce programs for the company's 23 television stations and WGN America. This is Tribune's second production company, having operated Tribune Entertainment from 1984 to 2007.[84]
	Liberty Media acquires a 27% ownership interest in cable provider Charter Communications for $2.62 billion. The purchase is Liberty founder John Malone's first major investment in a cable operator since the 1999 sale of Tele-Communications, Inc. to AT&T Corporation.[85]
20	Fox Sports enters into a broadcast rights agreement with the realigned Big East Conference, effective with the 2013–14 academic year. The contract (which will run through 2025) includes rights to televise all men's and select women's regular season and tournament basketball games, and all Olympic sports from the conference. Sporting events from the new Big East will be broadcast primarily on the forthcoming national sports network Fox Sports 1.[86]The deal follows a broadcast contract signed on March 19 between ESPN and the American Athletic Conference (the original Big East) through the 2019–20 academic year.[87]
	Comcast SportsNet Chicago suspends Chicago Bulls analyst (and former Bulls shooting guard) Kendall Gill following a March 19 physical altercation in the regional sports network's newsroom with Big Ten Network analyst Tim Doyle, over comments Doyle made about Gill's analysis of the March 18 Bulls-Denver Nuggets game on the panel discussion show *Sports Talk Live*.[88]

21	NBCUniversal, through its NBC Owned Television Stations subsidiary, acquires Telemundo affiliate WWSI/Atlantic City, New Jersey (part of the Philadelphiamedia market) from ZGS Communications for $20 million. The deal will create a duopoly with NBC owned-and-operated station WCAU.[89]
	A transmitter problem takes CBS affiliate KPHO/Phoenix off the air on the network's first day of NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament coverage. The disruption also affected subscribers of Dish Network, and cable providers Western Broadband Cable and Orbitel Communications (Cox Communications and DirecTV customers in the area were not affected).[90]
24	NBC affiliate KTEN/Sherman, Texas is knocked off the air due to a lightning strike that caused significant damage to some broadcasting equipment at the station's main studio in Denison.[91]
26	*The Young and the Restless* celebrates its 40th anniversary.[92]
	CBS Corporation acquires a 49% interest stake in TV Guide Network from One Equity Partners, with Lions Gate Entertainment retaining its 51% stake in the cable channel.[93] A collaborative rebranding effort of the network, seen in 80 million homes, later occurs: The network adopts the TVGN name on April 15, and a complete end of on-screen listings is expected.
	A war of words erupts between Fox News Channel and actor Jim Carrey: FNC reporter Greg Gutfeld makes a critical statement on this date over "Cold Dead Hands", Carrey's anti-gun video for the viral website Funny or Die, with Gutfeld taking issue with Carrey's views on gun control by stating that, "He [Carrey] is probably the most pathetic tool on the face of the earth and I hope his career is dead and I hope he ends up sleeping in a car." Carrey responds on March 29 by calling the network "A media colostomy bag that has begun to burst at the seams."[94]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	In a lawsuit filed by the four major broadcast networks, a New York judge rules that Aereo, a pay service which streams broadcast station signals online and through mobile devices without paying fees to the networks or their stations, does not breach federal copyright rules as it utilizes antennas leased to its subscribers to stream station signals.[95] The ruling sparks a

	threat during an NAB conference presentation on April 9 from News Corporation COO Chase Carey to turn Fox into a subscription-only service, if pending court proceedings do not rule against Aereo (similar statements were later made by executives of Univision and CBS).[96]
	General Hospital, the last of the remaining ABC soap operas, celebrates its 50th anniversary.[97]
	Shield Media's ABC affiliate WLAJ/Lansing, Michigan begins simulcasting Young Broadcasting CBS affiliate WLNS/Lansing's 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts.[98]
	Lockwood Broadcast Group announces it will acquire CW affiliate WCWG/Greensboro, North Carolina from Titan TV Broadcast Group for $2.75 million.[99][100]
2	ACME Communications sells its last operating asset, the syndicated morning show *The Daily Buzz*, to Mojo Brands Media.[101][102]
3	Confirming a month of speculation, NBC announces that Jay Leno will retire from hosting *The Tonight Show* in Spring 2014 (his second retirement from the show), and that *Late Night* host Jimmy Fallon will succeed him. As part of the move, *Tonight* will return to NBC's New York studios, *Late Night's* home base and *Tonight's* original home until 1972.[103] NBC later announces that Seth Meyers will succeed Fallon on *Late Night*.[104] Meyers will be the third consecutive *Saturday Night Live* alumni to host the show.
	After 13 years as their chief business correspondent, Ali Velshi announces his departure from CNN.[105] On April 4, Velshi signs with upcoming news channel Al Jazeera America to host a new daily business program.[106]
	TV Guide celebrates its 60th anniversary issue[107] with six covers featuring stars of popular shows from each decade: Lucille Ball (the 1950s), *Star Trek's*William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (the 1960s), Mary Tyler Moore (the 1970s), Bill Cosby (The 1980s), Homer Simpson (the 1990s) and Matthew Fox (the 2000s-present), all draped in digitized mosiac TV Guide covers from their eras.[108]
8	For the first time since becoming a Fox affiliate, WUTV/Buffalo starts airing a nightly 10 p.m. newscast, as it takes over WGRZ's primetime broadcast from sister station WNYO and expands it to seven nights a week. In addition, WGRZ is expected to begin running a rebroadcast of its morning program *Daybreak* on WNYO, which will move to WUTV in the

	future.[109]
11	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the radio and television assets of Fisher Communications for $373.3 million. The acquisition includes 20 television stations in eight markets (including KOMO-TV/Seattle and KATU/Portland, Oregon) and three radio stations in the Seattle market.[110] On April 22, an unnamed Fisher shareholder filed a lawsuit to stop the Sinclair acquisition, alleging that Fisher Communications management breached their fiduciary duties by agreeing to sell the company to Sinclair at a $41/share offer that undervalued the company via an "unfair process".[111]
15	At approximately 2:50 PM (EDT), two explosions around Copley Square, just before the photo bridge that marks the finish line, were caught live on camera during the telecast of the Boston Marathon, about three hours after the winners crossed the line. The event causes local stations in the Boston media market and the major networks, including ESPN, to cancel regular programming to carry continuing coverage of the tragedy.[112][113] At least three deaths were reported and 280 people were injured.[114] Four days later, just hours after the suspects' pictures are aired on national TV, all Boston news outlets preempt programming for nonstop coverage of the massive manhunt for the suspects, brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, after a police chase and standoff that left an MIT campus police officer and one of the two suspects dead from gunshots and the other suspect escaping into a Watertown neighborhood, eluding capture for most of the day until finally being arrested. The major four broadcast networks pre-empt the majority of their schedule nationally from 2 AM ET on into prime-time on the 19th to also cover the story.[115]
16	The Seattle Mariners acquire a controlling interest in Root Sports Northwest, which broadcasts the team's games, from DirecTV Sports Networks. DirecTV retains a minority stake in the network and will continue to manage it, and the Root Sports branding and Fox Sports Networks programming will remain. Additionally, the team extended its contract with the network until the end of the 2030 season.[116]
19	Sportscaster Al Michaels is arrested in Santa Monica, California and is charged with a misdemeanor DUI. He is released after a five-hour stay in jail.[117]
24	Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Mission Broadcasting announce the purchase of the 25 Communications Corporation of America stations in ten markets located in Texas, Louisiana, and Indiana. The deal will give Nexstar/Mission additional duopolies in Shreveport-Texarkana, Odessa-Midland, Texas and Evansville, Indiana.[118]
	Ani Khojasarian becomes the first $100,000 winner of the pricing game Pay The Rent on The

	Price Is Right, making her the biggest daytime pricing game winner in the show's history.
29	WCVB-TV/Boston substitutes "Still", a new episode of the ABC series *Castle* with a previously aired episode from season two, "The Late Shaft", featuring local native Tom Bergeron, out of sensitivity to the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings, and with permission from ABC. "Still" had already been delayed from its original April 22 airdate nationally due to the plot revolving around Kate Beckett (Stana Katic) being stuck in place to avoid the detonation of an explosive device. Viewers in the northern portion of the market were still able to watch the new episode over WCVB's sister station WMUR-TV/Manchester, New Hampshire. It was also made available on demand and to Hulu viewers in the Boston area the next morning.[119]
	WBIN/Derry, New Hampshire drops its Independent News Network-produced weeknight 10 p.m. newscast, replacing the newscast with syndicated programming. The station plans on resuming local news programming sometime in 2014; Al Kaprielian's locally based weather updates will continue unaffected.[120]
	WVTT/Olean, New York ends all of its local newscasts and its local marketing agreement with Colonial Media and Entertainment.[121] The move comes ahead of the station's sale to Milachi Media, which is filed with the FCC in June.
	After two years of being off the air, ABC's two canceled soap operas, *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*, returned on website The Online Network.[122]

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	Allbritton Communications Company, which owns seven ABC-affiliated television stations including WJLA-TV/Washington, D.C., and Washington, D.C.-based regional cable news channel NewsChannel 8, announced that it is exploring "strategic alternatives", including the possible sale of the station group.[123]
2	Comcast SportsNet Chicago reporter Susannah Collins is let go by the network following an on-air gaffe during Chicago Blackhawks playoff coverage in which she said the team enjoyed a "tremendous amount of sex" (rather than success) during the season. CSN Chicago also claimed it was because she hosted a web series called "Sports Nutz" with profane content in

	the past that had not been discovered before she was hired.[124]
6	It is announced that reality show *Cops* will leave Fox after 25 seasons and move to Spike TV.[125]
13	Weigel Broadcasting discontinues its partnership in the digital multicast network it co-founded with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, This TV, to focus on its two other diginets, MeTV and Movies!; fellow Chicago-based company Tribune Broadcasting will take over Weigel's share of programming and operational responsibilities for This TV, with MGM remaining as the network's joint owner.[126][127]
	Viewers of *How I Met Your Mother* see the future mother of Ted Mosby's children for the first time in the show's 8th-season finale. She is played by Cristin Milioti, and is credited only as the "girl with the yellow umbrella"; when Milioti becomes a cast regular for the series' 9th and final season in September, she is credited only as "The Mother."[128][129]
14	ABC introduces a live streaming app called Watch ABC during the network's 2013–14 schedule upfronts, making available linear streaming of local ABC stations and on-demand full episodes of ABC programming to authenticated subscribers who can access the service online or via the Watch ABC app on iOS, Kindle Fire and Samsung Galaxy devices. The app will roll out first to the ABC Owned Television Stations, followed by the 13 ABC affiliates owned by Hearst Television in the Summer before making it available to other affiliates in the Fall.[130]
16	Candice Glover is crowned 12th season champion of *American Idol*.[131] The season finale marks the start of a major overhaul in the long-running (but ratings-bleeding) singing competition: It is the final appearance on the judges' table for Randy Jackson, Mariah Carey, and Nicki Minaj,[132][133] and the last show for executive producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick.[134]
20	An analysis announced by the Leichtman Research Group reveals the first net loss of cable, satellite, and telco TV subscribers over a 12-month period (ending March 31, 2013); the analysis is billed as the first tangible proof of "cord-cutting" by pay TV customers.[135]
	Deborah Turness, a former editor of Britain's ITV News, is named as the new president of NBC News.[136]

	On the same day that a major tornado strikes Moore, Oklahoma, CBS postpones (until May 30) this evening's 3rd-season finale of *Mike & Molly*, which involved a tornado descending on the show's setting of Chicago.[137][138]
21	Kelly Rowland and Paulina Rubio are announced as judges for season 3 of *The X Factor*, joining returnees Simon Cowell and Demi Lovato on the show's judges panel.[139]
26	Ten spectators are injured (three of whom require hospitalization) when nylon rope supporting a Fox Sports skycam snaps and falls into the grandstand during the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race. The incident also causes damage to several cars in the race, forcing a 27-minute delay.[140]
27	Weigel Broadcasting and Fox Television Stations launch a digital subchannel network called Movies!, primarily airing on Fox's owned-and-operated stations.[141]
28	*The Young and the Restless* pays an entire episode to the actress Jeanne Cooper who passed away on May the 8th at the age of 84. Jeanne's character Katherine Chancellor death would be mention on the soap in August.[*citation needed*]
29	A three-judge panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia unanimously rules that Comcast did not violate FCC program carriage rules when placing the Tennis Channel on a sports tier, and that the FCC and Tennis Channel did not provide evidence that Comcast had discriminated against the channel in favor of its own sports channels (as the FCC had ruled in July 2012).[142] Tennis Channel files an appeal on July 12.[143]
30	Autumn Erhard becomes the second contestant in the 30-year history of *Wheel of Fortune* to win the $1 million top prize in the show's Bonus Round; her final total ($1,030,340 in cash and prizes) makes her the biggest single-day winner in the show's history.[144]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	Nexstar Broadcasting Group rebrands the Memphis ABC affiliate it acquired from Newport Television in 2012, changing the station's call sign (from WPTY-TV to WATN-TV) and branding (from "ABC 24" to "Local 24"). The change coincides with the station's move (with sister CW affiliate WLMT and Jackson market Fox affiliate WJKT) from Midtown Memphis to

	new studios at the Shelby Oaks Corporate Park in the city's northeast side, as well as high definition upgrades for its newscasts.[145]
	Gray Television launches WRGX-LD as the new NBC affiliate in the Dothan, Alabama market. WRGX replaces Panama City sister station WJHG-TV and Montgomery-based WSFA on Dothan-area cable systems.[146]
	GMC TV rebrands as Up, a reflection of its shift from gospel music-related programming to a general entertainment schedule of family-oriented original and acquired programs.[147]
	Cinemax rebrands two of its multiplex channels: the female-oriented WMax is relaunched as MovieMax, a channel dedicated to family-friendly films, and the young adult-oriented @Max became Max Latino, a Spanish language simulcast of the flagship Cinemax channel.[148]
	The country music video service The Country Network rebrands as ZUUS Country following the digital multicast network's acquisition by Zuus Media.[149]
	Philippine actress/singer Charice Pempengco, who portrays Sunshine Corazon on *Glee*, reveals to her fans that she is a Tomboy (a Filipino term for Lesbian) during an interview on her home country's ABS-CBN program *The Buzz*, saying she decided to finally come out after turning 21 in May. She then issued an apology and a thank you to her fans on YouTube for their support.[150]
	The Hub renamed Hub Network.
2	Blackhawk Broadcasting purchases NBC affiliate KYMA/Yuma, Arizona from Intermountain West Communications for $1.3 million.[151] On July 23, Blackhawk will also acquire competing station KSWT from Pappas Telecasting, and will apply for a 'failing station' waiver to acquire it.[152]
	SagamoreHill Broadcasting sells its NBC affiliate KGNS/Laredo, Texas and CBS affiliates KGWN/Cheyenne, Wyoming & KSTF/Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Yellowstone Holdings, LLC for $20.5 million.[153]
3	Sinclair Broadcast Group continues its acquisitive streak by acquiring six stations from Titan Broadcast Management for $115.35 million. Sinclair will own four stations (KMPH-

	KFRE/Fresno, KPTM/Omaha, KPTH/Sioux City), and it will provide operating services to two stations (KXVO/Omaha and KMEG/Sioux City).[154]
6	Media General announces a merger deal with the privately held Young Broadcasting in an all-stock deal. The deal closes on November 12, with the combined company (owning 30 stations in 27 markets) keeping Media General's name and Richmond headquarters (Young was based in Nashville).[155][156]
10–14	In honor of her 80th birthday (which fell on June 8), E! lets Joan Rivers "take over" the network for a week-long celebration that includes Rivers serving as host or presenter on E!'s in-house programs, along with a full week of new episodes of her *Fashion Police* program.[157]
12–13	ESPN makes major moves in its programming and operations, beginning with an announcement on the 12th that it will close down its ESPN 3D channel at year's end (the actual closing occurs earlier, on September 3), citing a low level of home viewer adoption in 3D television technology.[158] On the 13th, it announces the cancellation of ESPNews' *Highlight Express* and ESPNU's *UNite*, as well as several layoffs, most notably that of network researcher and *Stump the Schwab* star Howie Schwab.[159][160]
17	Intermountain West Communications sells Idaho stations KPVI-TV/Pocatello and KXTF/Twin Falls to a subsidiary of Yellowstone Holdings, LLC, for $1 million.[161]
19	In a first for TV Land, *Hot in Cleveland* airs a live episode. A later episode in this season will feature a reunion of cast members from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, with Mary Tyler Moore, Valerie Harper, Georgia Engel, and Cloris Leachman joining *HIC* series regular Betty White as members of Elka's bowling team, who reunite after a fallout from their championship winning season decades ago.[162]
21	Food Network announces it will not renew the contract of Paula Deen when it expires at the end of the month. The move comes as the popular cooking personality faces controversy over her admitted past use of racial epithets in the presence of her employees.[163]
	A jury in a US District Court in Little Rock, Arkansas rules that the 2008 ownership transfer of Retro Television Network from Equity Media Holdings to its then-CEO Henry Luken was "constructively fraudulent", and award a trustee for creditors of the bankrupt and defunct Equity $47.4 million. The verdict prompts Luken Communications (Retro TV's current owner) to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization two days later.[164]

27	KSL-TV/Salt Lake City, Utah announces it will begin airing *Saturday Night Live* in its regular 10:35 p.m. slot when the NBC program begins its 39th season in September. (KUCW had previously aired *SNL* in the Salt Lake market.)[165] It is a somewhat surprising move for KSL, a station owned by the LDS Church-controlled Bonneville International that has had a long history of not airing network programming due to local commitments (the station had aired *Sportsbeat Saturday* in place of *SNL*) or content deemed inappropriate (the reason given for dropping shows such as *The New Normal* and *Hannibal*, which KUCW has also cleared).[166]
28	News Corporation officially splits into two companies: Its newspaper and publishing properties are spun off into a separate company that retains the News Corp name, while the remaining broadcast and film properties (including Fox, its TV stations, cable assets, MyNetworkTV, and the 20th Century Fox TV studio and syndication properties) assemble under a new corporate banner, 21st Century Fox.[167]
	The Walt Disney Company releases a new Mickey Mouse cartoon short for the first time since 1953, through the debut of a series of animated shorts broadcast on the Disney Channel.[168]
30	*Hour of Power*, after 33 years, airs its last episode from its longtime home, the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	Tribune Broadcasting acquires the 19 stations of Local TV, LLC for $2.73 billion.[169] The purchase of Local TV, which had been put up for sale by Oak Hill Capital Partners on March 22,[170] is approved by the FCC on December 20[171] and increases Tribune's station portfolio from 23 to 42 (and expands the number of Big Three affiliates it owns from one to 10), including duopolies in St. Louis and Denver (where the companies had been involved in LMA's). One station in Scranton and two in Norfolk/Portsmouth are transferred in a sidecar agreement to Dreamcatcher Broadcasting, due to Tribune having newspaper operations in those markets. On July 10, Tribune Company announced that it would spin-off its newspaper division to a newly formed company, Tribune Publishing Company.[172]
	One America News Network begins programming. A joint venture between WealthTV owner Herring Broadcasting and *The Washington Times* newspaper, the 24-hour network is a

	news/talk competitor to Fox News Channel, featuring "mainstream" conservative viewpoints with some independent and libertarian opinions included.[173]
	Audio cable music service Music Choice and OneBeat launch OneBeat TV, a new channel dedicated to Electronic Dance Music and its culture, lifestyle, and genre. The service, which brings its first EDM-formatted channel to the United States, will be offered free to cable subscribers on Music Choice's VOD service until August 11.[174]
	One day after ending a 15-year run as host of CNN's *Reliable Sources*, Howard Kurtz joins Fox News Channel. Kurtz's move, announced by FNC on June 20, sees the long-time media reporter and critic serve as an on-air analyst, columnist for the network's website, and host his own media criticism show, *MediaBuzz*.[175]
	WBCC/Cocoa, Florida changes its call letters to WEFS. The change reflects the name change of its owner, Brevard Community College, to Eastern Florida State College, a move made to advertise the offering of new four-year degrees. WEFS' programming remains unchanged.[176][177]
2	WWOR-TV/Secaucus, New Jersey airs its final 10 p.m. newscast and closes its news department; it had produced newscasts since 1971, even after it became a sister station to WNYW/New York City (under Fox Television Stations) in 2001. In its place, the station will launch *Chasing New Jersey*, a nightly New Jersey-focused public affairs program, on July 8. *Chasing New Jersey*, which is produced by Fairfax Productions from a studio in Trenton and hosted by Bill Spadea, will also be seen on sister station WTXF-TV/Philadelphia as a lead-in to its morning newscast; Fairfax Productions is led by Dennis Bianchi, WTXF's vice president and general manager. Despite the closure of its news department, WWOR's Secaucus facilities, which are separate from the New York City studios of WNYW, will remain open.[178][179]
4	For the first time since 1987, the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" and accompanying Fourth of July concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra are not nationally televised. CBS, which carried the final hour of the festivities since 2003 (A&E had carried the full event prior to that) announced on June 15 that it would no longer air the event, citing decreased ratings and increased competition from NBC's broadcast of the Macy's fireworks in New York City. CBS-owned WBZ-TV continues to air the full event in the Boston market.[180]
12	During its noon newscast, KTVU/Oakland-San Francisco unknowingly misidentifies the pilots of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 by false names that are considered derogatory and racist. In its own defense, officials at the Cox Media Fox affiliate say the National Transportation Safety

	Board confirmed the names to them.[181] The NTSB later admits that an intern who "acted outside the scope of his authority" supplied the false names to the station.[182][183] The intern is fired from the NTSB on July 15, while the incident leads Asiana Airlines to file a defamation lawsuit against KTVU, a suit that is withdrawn after the station formally apologizes live on the air.[184][185]
18	Three Netflix original productions — *Arrested Development*, *Hemlock Grove*, and *House of Cards* — receive a combined 14 nominations for the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards, the first Emmy nominations given to long-form programs made specifically for a web television service.[186]
22	News-Press & Gazette Company announced that the license assets of Idaho Falls' CBS affiliate KIDK and Fox affiliate KXPI-LD, will be sold to VistaWest Media, LLC, a company based in St. Joseph, Missouri (where NPG is also based); the stations will remain operated by NPG under a shared services agreement.[187]
23	NASCAR announces a 10-year contract with NBC Sports Group that will see the second halves of the Sprint Cup Series and Nationwide Series air on NBC and NBC Sports Network beginning in 2015. The deal sees NASCAR reuniting with NBC, which aired Sprint Cup races from 2001 to 2006, as well as an end in 2014 to NASCAR's partnership with Turner Sports and ESPN (the circuit's relationship with Fox Sports is expected to continue).[188]
29	Sinclair Broadcast Group adds another station group to its portfolio, as it acquires the Allbritton Communications Company for $985 Million. The stations include Allbritton's flagship station, WJLA-TV/Washington, D.C., and Washington, D.C.-based regional cable news channel NewsChannel 8. As part of the deal, Sinclair will spinoff CBS affiliate WHP-TV/Harrisburg, MyNetworkTV affiliate WMMP/Charleston, South Carolina and the Birmingham duopoly of The CW affiliate WTTO & MNT affiliate WABM because those stations are located in the same markets where it competes against the Allbritton stations.[189] The following day (July 30), Sinclair announced plans to use NewsChannel 8 as a "launching point" for a national news channel, airing both within the Sinclair group and on MVPD systems for a "unique hybrid model."[190]

August[edit]

Date	Event

1	Stations owned and operated by Raycom Media (53 stations in 36 markets) and shared services partner American Spirit Media vanish from Dish Network after both sides fail to reach a new retransmission agreement.[191] The stations are restored by Dish by August 10.[192]
	Pivot launches, replacing the Documentary Channel and Halogen TV. The Participant Media-owned channel is aimed at young adults between 18 and 34 years old, and is also the first TV channel to offer broadband-only subscriptions, allowing live streaming of the linear channel and video on demand offerings without requiring a pay TV service subscription.[193][194]
	NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams announces he is taking a leave of absence to recover from knee replacement surgery; *Nightly's* weekend anchor, Lester Holt, fills in for Williams in the interim.[195]
	WLAE-TV/New Orleans leaves PBS to increase its focus on its local programming; the station had contemplated the move since a cut in funding from the state of Louisiana in 2010. WLAE had carried 25 percent of PBS' programming as a secondary member station; WYES-TV remains New Orleans' main PBS member station.[196][197]
2	News-Press & Gazette Company announced the sale of the license assets of KJCT/Grand Junction, Colorado to Excalibur Broadcasting, LLC, and its non-license assets to Gray Television. Gray will operate the station through joint sales and shared services agreements, making KJCT a sister station to KKCO.[198][199]
4	In an internationally televised live special, Peter Capaldi is formally introduced as the Twelfth Doctor for the upcoming season of *Doctor Who*.[200]
7	The United States Golf Association announces a 12-year multimedia deal with Fox Sports, which will see USGA championship events (most notably the U.S. Open) air on Fox and Fox Sports 1 beginning in 2015. The deal will mean an end to the USGA's relationships with NBC Sports and ESPN in 2014.[201]
9	After 16 years, Joy Behar co-hosts *The View* for the final time.[202] Her departure leaves Barbara Walters as the talk program's last original co-host, a role Walters herself will relinquish (along with her duties at ABC News) in Summer 2014 (Walters made her intentions public in May 2013).[203]
12	Horseshoe Curve Communications agreed to sell Fox affiliate WWCP-TV/Johnstown,

	Pennsylvania to Cunningham Broadcasting for $12 million. Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner NBC affiliate, WJAC-TV, will operate the station through shared services and joint sales agreements. Included in the deal is the existing LMA for WWCP-TV to operate ABC affiliate WATM-TV, which will continue to be owned by Palm Television.[204]
14	The fourth-season premiere of *Duck Dynasty* makes history for A&E, pulling in 11.8 million viewers, the largest audience ever for an original series produced for cable television (scripted and non-scripted) and the highest-rated series in A&E's 29-year history.[205]
16	The Republican National Committee announces that they will ban CNN and the news divisions of NBC Universal (including MSNBC and Telemundo) from taking part in Republican Presidential debates for the 2016 campaign. The RNC's decision is a reaction to the two networks' planned projects on Hillary Clinton (a documentary on CNN, a dramatic miniseries on NBC), with RNC chairman Reince Priebus claiming the projects give the Democrat Clinton's potential 2016 Presidential campaign a boost over those of GOP candidates.[206][207] On September 30, NBC and CNN announced that they have canceled their projects, citing pressure from both political parties and those close to Clinton's inner circle, who did not feel comfortable to give interviews or stories that could hurt her political future.[208]
17	Fox Sports rebrands and revamps two of their specialty sports channels into broader sports networks: the motorsport-oriented Speed becomes Fox Sports 1,[209] while extreme sports-oriented Fuel TV becomes Fox Sports 2.[210]
	With an NBC Sports Network broadcast of a Stoke City-Liverpool match, NBC Sports begins its coverage of English Premier League soccer.[211] It also marks a gradual rebranding of NBC Sports Network, with the channel set to be simply known as the abbreviated "NBCSN" by early 2014.[212]
19	NBC affiliate KSNV/Las Vegas begins expanding its daily newscast with the addition of a 3PM broadcast, followed by a 7PM newscast in September, becoming the first network affiliated station in the Pacific Time Zone (and the second NBC affiliate after WTMJ/Milwaukee) to phase out first-run programming for continuous news programming. KSNV also plans to drop all syndicated programming in 2016 when its contract with CBS Television Distribution expires.[213] As a result of these changes, the station has arranged The CW affiliate KVCW to pick up *Days of Our Lives*, where it will continue in the same 1PM timeslot that KSNV has given up to make room for the 3PM newscast.[214]
20	Al Jazeera America launches, replacing Current TV.[215] The network is a U.S.-based and -operated news channel expected to compete with CNN, MSNBC and Fox News Channel. It

	is the second Al Jazeera Media Network channel to launch in the U.S. after beIN Sport, a sports network owned 50/50 between Al Jazeera and Turner Broadcasting System. As a result, Al Jazeera English discontinued their online feed in the United States.
25	At the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards, Miley Cyrus creates a controversy by "Twerking" during a duet with Robin Thicke, a performance that some described as "raunchy" and "provocative". It also included a strip tease by Lady Gaga, which critics had similar comments about.[216] Additionally, it featured the first performance of 'N Sync in 11 years.[217]
26	Four months after moving to weekends, *The Ed Show* moves back to MSNBC's weekday schedule, taking the 5PM (ET) time slot previously occupied by one of two airings of *Hardball with Chris Matthews* (*Hardball* goes live at 7PM).[218]
	The sports talk show *Olbermann* debuts on ESPN2. It marks the return of Keith Olbermann to the ESPN family, as well as his return to sports-oriented programming after several years as a political commentator for MSNBC and Current TV.[219]
30	David Letterman marks his 20th anniversary with CBS with a *Late Show* episode that features his first guest in 1993, Bill Murray.[220]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	The *MDA Show of Strength* benefit concert moves to ABC, airing as a two-hour special on the network. The move ends the special's 47-year run as a syndicated Labor Day weekend event (the stations that aired it were collectively known as the "Love Network").[221]
2	FXX, an entertainment sister network to FX, commences programming in the channel space previously occupied by Fox Soccer, whose remaining programming shifts over to Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2.[222]
	After over 10 years airing on rival WGN-TV, *Live! with Kelly and Michael* begins airing on WLS-TV in Chicago, becoming the last ABC-owned station to air the ABC-syndicated program. *Live!* airs in WLS-TV's 9:00 a.m. timeslot, which was previously occupied by local program *Windy City Live* (which replaced the station's 11:00 a.m. newscast

	as a result of *Live*'s move) and the Chicago-based *Oprah Winfrey Show* prior to that.[223]
	The CBS Corporation/Time Warner Cable retransmission consent dispute, which began a month earlier, is resolved, with all channels and website video rights restored as of 6:00 p.m. ET and on-demand content shortly after.[224] Terms are not disclosed, though both sides describe them as satisfactory to each of them, including the addition of Showtime Anytime streaming rights for Time Warner.[225]
	Cedric the Entertainer begins his stint as the third host of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, succeeding Meredith Vieira, who left the show in May after 11 seasons and will eventually move to her own talk shown in 2014; she succeeded original host Regis Philbin who has since retired from broadcasting.[226][227][228]
3	Fox confirms a new judging panel for *American Idol's* 13th season, with newcomer Harry Connick Jr. joining Jennifer Lopez (who returns to *Idol* after a one-year absence) and Season 12 holdover Keith Urban. They join Ryan Seacrest, who returns as host, and former judge Randy Jackson, who returns as on-air mentor.[229]
7	*PBS NewsHour* expands to weekends for the first time with *PBS NewsHour Weekend*. Anchored by Hari Sreenivasan, the half-hour Saturday and Sunday newscasts originate from WNET/New York City, as opposed to the weekday *NewsHour's* base at WETA-TV's Arlington, Virginia studios.[230][231]
8	Carrie Underwood debuts as singer of "Waiting All Day for Sunday Night", the theme song for *NBC Sunday Night Football*. Underwood is the third singer to handle the theme's vocals, after Pink (2006) and Faith Hill (2007–2012).[232]
9	NBC affiliate KSL-TV/Salt Lake City moves *Days of Our Lives* from 1 p.m. to 1:05 a.m. (Mountain Time). While the station has not explicitly stated its reason, it has been speculated that a storyline involving a gay couple (the characters of Will Horton and Sonny Kiriakis) prompted the move. The move makes the second time in nearly three weeks that a NBC affiliate has opted to delay or pre-empt the 47-year-old serial, following KSNV/Las Vegas' decision to let competitor KVCW air the program due to their decision to expand its news programming.[233]
	Jenny McCarthy joins *The View* as new co-host.[234]

	Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff become permanent co-anchors of the weekday *PBS NewsHour*, ending the show's practice of rotating co-anchor pairings since Jim Lehrer stepped down from his on-air role on the show in June 2011.[235]
16	Two months after ending a 10-year run on *The View*, Elisabeth Hasselbeck joins Fox News Channel's *Fox & Friends*;[236] she succeeds Gretchen Carlson, who left the show the previous Friday and gets her own afternoon show on the network, *The Real Story*, on September 30.[237]
	NBC's *Today* unveils a redesigned set and orange-hued logo, as well as a new "Orange Room" segment, hosted by Carson Daly and featuring social media updates and online extended interviews.[238]
	Nexstar Broadcasting Group acquires the three stations of Citadel Communications in and mainly broadcasting to the state of Iowa for $88 million, which includes WOI/Des Moines, WHBF/Rock Island, and KCAU/Sioux City (WOI and KCAU are ABC affiliates; WHBF is affiliated with CBS). In a separate deal, Mission Broadcasting has acquired Binghamton stations WICZ-WBPN-LP from Stainless Broadcasting Company for $15.25 million, making them sister stations to Nexstar-owned WIVT and WBGH-CA.[239]
19	Andrew Kravis wins the $2,600,000 jackpot on *The Million Second Quiz*, which propels him to third place on the game show winnings records list, behind Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter. His total winnings on the game show also broke the primetime game show winnings record of $2.18 million, which was set by Kevin Olmstead back on April 10, 2001.
20	Milwaukee-based Journal Broadcast Group has their stations restored to Time Warner Cable systems in the Milwaukee (WTMJ-TV), Green Bay/Fox Cities (WGBA-TV/WACY-TV), Omaha (KMTV-TV) and Palm Springs (KMIR-TV/KPSE-LP) markets (WTVF in Nashville, which is on limited Time Warner systems in Tennessee and Kentucky, was unaffected under their agreement made with former owner Landmark Communications, but was also part of the new retransmission consent agreement) after being off the systems since July 25, while the digital subchannels for each station (Live Well in Milwaukee and Omaha, MeTV in Green Bay, and AccuWeather in Milwaukee) and KPSE-LP were pulled from Time Warner systems on July 11.[240] However unlike most carriage agreements where all channels were restored to their previous positions, the standard definition positions were sold off by Time Warner Cable to GSN in each market during the dispute, forcing those stations onto other free channels (as high as 83 for WACY and 99 for KMTV)[241] and all carriage of Journal's subchannels was discontinued, though all high definition channel slots were retained.[242]
22	The 65th Primetime Emmy Awards are presented from Los Angeles, with *Breaking Bad* taking

	home its first win for Best Drama series and *Modern Family* repeating as Best Comedy series for the fourth straight year in a row, while Derek Hough won in the newly created Outstanding Choreography category. The event also saw Netflix made history with three wins including David Fincher's Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series for directing the *House of Cards* pilot episode "Chapter 1" as well as a pair of Creative Arts Emmy Awards, making "Chapter 1" the first Primetime Emmy-awarded webisode.[243] Neil Patrick Harris hosts the show (and doubled as co-producer), which airs on CBS. In a rare move, the network pre-empts its signature newsmagazine *60 Minutes* due to airing the Emmys after an NFL doubleheader.[244]
23	After two delays and a channel relocation, the "metrosexual" male-oriented Esquire Network commences programming, replacing the 15-year-old fashion-and-design channel Style Network. Esquire Channel's launch was delayed from April 22 and "Summer 2013", and was originally slated to replace G4. The channel's launch on this date coincides with the 80th anniversary of the first issue of the Hearst Corporation's men's magazine of the same name.[245]
24	News-Press & Gazette Company acquires three California stations owned by Cowles Publishing Company. The stations include KION-KMUV/Monterey and KKFX/San Luis Obispo. Cowles will keep ownership of KCOY/Santa Maria, which NPG will operate under a shared services agreement with KEYT/Santa Barbara (which NPG bought from Smith Media in September 2012).[246]
25	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces the acquisition of eight stations owned or operated by New Age Media. To comply with FCC ownership regulations, three stations—WSWB in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, WTLH in Tallahassee, Florida, and WNBW-DT in Gainesville, Florida—will then be sold to Cunningham Broadcasting; a fourth station, WTLF in Tallahassee, will be purchased by Deerfield Media. These four stations will be operated by Sinclair through joint sales and shared services agreements; WSWB, WNBW, and WTLF are owned by MPS Media but have long been operated by New Age Media through such agreements (which Sinclair will continue), while WTLH cannot be acquired by Sinclair directly due to its existing ownership of WTWC-TV.[247][248]
26	Stating that its "technical justification... no longer appears valid", the FCC formally submits a proposal to eliminate the discount, adopted in 1985 during the analog TV era, that counts a UHF station's reach to be one-half of its market when applied to a broadcaster's national ownership limit. The proposal would grandfather portfolios of any broadcaster with existing or pending ownership of UHF stations that would put them over the 39% national cap without the discount at the time of the proposal's submission.[249]

27	*The Price Is Right* devotes all six "pricing game" segments to one of its best-known and most-popular games, Plinko.[250]
	Nearly a year after the launch of Comcast SportsNet Houston, NBCUniversal announces that affiliates of it and parent company Comcast have filed an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for the network to "resolve structural issues affecting CSN Houston's partnership." The partnership is composed of the Houston Astros (who own 46% of the network), the Houston Rockets (who own 30%), and NBCUniversal (who owns the remaining 23%). The move did not sit well with the Astros, which stated that the filing was made "improperly" to prevent the Astros from ending its agreement with CSN Houston; the team also revealed that it did not receive the rights fees from Houston Regional Sports Network (the network's legal name) for the final three months of the 2013 season.[251]
28	Litton Entertainment takes over CBS' Saturday morning lineup with a teen-oriented block of programming bearing the umbrella title CBS Dream Team. The move means the end of CBS' Cookie Jar TV (a block that had been under the control of three different companies since its 2006 premiere), and gives Litton control of two Saturday morning network program blocks (it already operates *Litton's Weekend Adventure* for ABC).[252]
	Second-year *Saturday Night Live* cast member Cecily Strong becomes co-anchor of the show's *Weekend Update* segment alongside Seth Meyers.[253]Also, for the first time in its 39-year history, the program extended to two hours with musical guests Arcade Fire doing a 30-minute set called *Arcade Fire in Here Comes the Night Time*, that featured cameo appearances by Ben Stiller, Bono, Bill Hader, Zach Galifianakis, Rainn Wilson, Aziz Ansari, and Michael Cera. Although viewers saw the act leave the SNL stage after the commercial break wearing the same outfits and continued performing in the same get up for the extended program, the concert footage appears to have been filmed at the band's surprise September 9 appearance at Montreal's Club Salsathèque.[254]
29	*Hour of Power* airs its first show from Shepherd's Grove, the campus of the former St. Callistus' Church,[255] located one mile south of the Crystal Cathedral, where the show was taped for 33 years.[256]
30	Cowles Publishing Company acquires the Montana cluster of Max Media for $18 million. Stations includes NBC affiliate KULR/Billings, and its ABC affiliates KWYB/Butte, KFBB-TV/Great Falls, KHBB-LD/Helena and KTMF/Missoula.[257][258]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	The United States federal government shutdown of 2013 affects some communications operations for the government, with the Federal Communications Commission suspending reviews of mergers between station groups, which usually take 180 days to complete, due to the FCC being drawn down to only a spare 2% skeleton crew of workers, a halt to work on all applications, and a nearly blank website.[259][260] Federally funded NASA TV and its website were also shut down, besides still screens notifying viewers of the situation.[261] The shutdown ends on October 16, with the FCC resuming website operations nearly immediately, and NASA TV the next day.
	Cable One, a nineteen-state cable provider owned by The Washington Post Company, pulls most of the networks of Turner Broadcasting System from their systems in a carriage dispute, including Cartoon Network, TruTV, CNN and HLN, along with TBS and TNT despite being under a different agreement, affecting Major League Baseball playoffs coverage in CableOne markets.[262] This occurs on the same day The Washington Post Company's namesake newspaper has their purchase by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos closed upon, breaking the *Post* off from TWPC, along with TWPC's Post-Newsweek Stations division.[263] The two parties come to terms on a new agreement on October 25.[citation needed]
	A carriage dispute between Dish Network and the networks and stations of the Walt Disney Company, whose contract expired on the 1st, is averted due to a short-term extension.[264] However, Media General's eighteen stations are removed from Dish Network due to Media General's refusal to negotiate new retransmission consent terms before their acquisition of Young Broadcasting was approved;[265] the company subsequently allowed four of the stations (WJTV in Jackson, Mississippi, WHLT in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, WKRG-TV in Mobile, Alabama, and WVTM-TV in Birmingham, Alabama) to be restored for the weekend of October 5–6 to allow Dish Network to carry their coverage of Tropical Storm Karen.[266]
4	Journal Broadcast Group reaches a deal to sell its two stations in Palm Springs, California, NBC affiliate KMIR-TV and MyNetworkTV affiliate KPSE-LP, to OTA Broadcasting.[267]
5	Miley Cyrus receives positive reviews from critics as she served as both guest and musical host on *Saturday Night Live*, where among the highlights include her opening sketch poking fun at her 2013 MTV Video Music Awards performance, an acoustic performance of "We Can't Stop" and a controversial parody video of the aforementioned song, retitled "We Did

	Stop" (about the United States federal government shutdown of 2013) with Cyrus playing outgoing United States Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minnesota 6th) and Taran Killam impersonating Cyrus as Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio 8th).[268]
7	During Game 3 of the American League Division Series, on-field microphones of MLB Network's crew accidentally broadcast a heated exchange of profanity between Oakland Athletics pitcher Grant Balfour and Detroit Tigers designated hitter Víctor Martínez which results in a bench-and-bullpen-clearing near-brawl.[269] The channel's announcers apologized soon after, though no action could be taken as MLB Network is not under FCC obscenity regulations, nor was the game aired on broadcast television.
8	MacNeil/Lehrer Productions announces in a letter to the staffers of the *PBS NewsHour* that it had offered to sell its stake in the program to WETA-TV (the program's originating station, and already a coproducer). In the letter, Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil cited their reduced involvement with the program's production since their departures from anchoring, as well as "the probability of increasing our fundraising abilities."[270][271]
9	The country music-oriented digital broadcast network The Nashville Network (owned by Luken Communications and Jim Owens Entertainment) rebrands as Heartland.[272]
10	NBCUniversal Cable's G4 loses more carriage, as the moribund network is dropped from Cablevision systems on that date.[273] Time Warner Cable already dropped the channel on September 23, with Verizon FiOS following on October 1.[274] DirecTV has not carried it since 2010.[275]
	Independent station KTUD-CD/Las Vegas unexpectedly announces it will end operations and go dark at midnight due to insufficient advertising revenues; the station's parent company has struggled for several years and the station filed for bankruptcy in 2010.[276][277][278]
	The Fox series *Glee* pays tribute to late cast member Cory Monteith, who died July 13, with "The Quarterback", an episode dealing with the main characters' grief over the death of Monteith's character, former McKinley High quarterback and New Directions glee club member Finn Hudson.[279]
16	Detective John Munch turns in his badge as Richard Belzer makes his last regular appearance on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. Belzer had played the character for two decades, dating back to his originating the role on *Homicide: Life on the Street* in 1993.[280] His departure leaves Captain Donald Cragen (Dann Florek) as the only character on the series

	that originated on another show in the Law & Order franchise; he played the character from 1990 to 1999 on the original *Law & Order*.
	Due to a power failure at South Park Studios, the producers of *South Park* are unable to make the network deadline for airing the new episode "Goth Kids 3: Dawn of the Posers", a first in the series' 17-year run that an episode was not completed in time. A rerun of the classic episode "Scott Tenorman Must Die" is aired by Comedy Central in its place, with "Goth Kids 3" airing on October 23.[281]
21	Smith Media reaches a deal to sell its last remaining station, NBC affiliate WKTV/Utica, NY to Heartland Media, a company owned by Bob Prather, who had been President/COO of Gray Television until resigning from the company on June 21.[282][283]
	The Sean "Diddy" Combs-backed music network Revolt launches with distribution on Time Warner Cable and Comcast systems. Combs launches the network using the childhood home of the late The Notorious B.I.G. as a backdrop to begin the network's schedule.[284]
24	Al Jazeera America and Time Warner Cable come to terms for national carriage of the network, which will be added to New York and Los Angeles systems by the end of the year, and nationally by March 2014. The announcement coincided with the weekend of El Clásico, which aired in the United States on Al Jazeera's beIN Sport.[285]
26	For the first time, Fox News Channel deviates from its news-and-analysis programming to carry a live sporting event, the final quarter of a Big 12 college football game between Texas Tech and Oklahoma. The move of the game (whose start was delayed by an hour) from Fox is due to the committed live schedule of the other Fox Sports cable networks and to ensure Fox's coverage of the World Series start on-time.[286] The game remains on Fox affiliates in Oklahoma and Texas until its conclusion, at which time they pick up the World Series game in progress.[287][288]
	ABC-O&O station WLS-TV/Chicago restores the *Eyewitness News* brand to its newscasts, a brand the station used from 1969 until 1996.[289]
	In the wake of the death of Marcia Wallace, producers of the *The Simpsons* announce they will retire the character she voiced for the series, schoolteacher Edna Krabappel.[290]
28	Fusion commences programming, offering entertainment, news and talk programming aimed

	at a millennial and Hispanic-American audience. The cable channel is a joint venture between ABC News and Univision Communications, who promote the launch with a simulcast of their respective morning shows, *Good Morning America* and *¡Despierta América!*.[291][292]
	ABC late night host Jimmy Kimmel apologizes for a bit aired during his talk show in which he responds to a child who suggests killing the Chinese to solve the United States' debt to China.[293] The sketch incites protests by the Chinese American community,[294] and a petition on the White House website with enough signatures to warrant a formal response from the Obama administration.[295]
28–31	Conan O'Brien airs a week of retrospectives on *Conan* marking his 20th anniversary as a late-night TV host.[296] The show also put classic clips from *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien* on its website that were loaned from the NBC archives until November 15.
29	The US Senate confirms Tom Wheeler and Mike O'Reilly to open Commissioner seats on the Federal Communications Commission.[297] Wheeler will become the FCC's chairman, taking the reins from Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, who had been acting chairwoman since May 20, when she became the first female FCC chair.[298]
30	The Boston Red Sox defeat St. Louis to win the 2013 World Series. It is also the final game broadcast for Fox baseball analyst and former player Tim McCarver, who had been calling games for 33 years.[299]
31	After 58 years under the ownership of Duhamel Broadcasting Enterprises, the company announces the sale of KOTA-TV/Rapid City, South Dakota and its satellite stations in Scottsbluff, Nebraska (KDUH-TV), Lead, South Dakota (KHSD-TV), and Sheridan, Wyoming (KSGW-TV) to Schurz Communications. Duhamel will retain its radio properties (including KOTA radio); Schurz already owns a group of Black Hills radio stations under the New Rushmore Radio banner. Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids ends.[300][301]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Tribune Broadcasting takes over programming and operations of Metro-Goldwyn-

	Mayer's This TV, from Weigel Broadcasting, with the network moving its flagship position in Chicago from Weigel's WCIU-TV to Tribune's WGN-TV. The weekday/weekend Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids children's block is also ending, replaced with a Sunday three-hour block of unbranded E/I programming.[302][303]
2	Facing criticism for a lack of African-American women in its performing cast, *Saturday Night Live* makes light of the controversy by having guest host Kerry Washington play both First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey in its cold open sketch at the same time (along with a "disclaimer" explaining the reason).[304] *SNL* would address the situation in January 2014 with the addition of women of color in its cast (Sasheer Zamata) and writing staff.[305][306]
4	Gray Television announces that it will acquire KGNS/Laredo, KGWN/Cheyenne and its satellite KSTF/Scottsbluff, and KCWY/Casper and its satellite KCHY/Cheyenne from Yellowstone Holdings for $23 million. In the interim, Gray will operate the Yellowstone stations under a LMA, while pending FCC approval.[307]
6	Gray Television reaches an agreement to launch the ABC affiliation on KGNS/Laredo's subchannel in February 2014.[308]
	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces that it will purchase the seven stations of Grant Communications for $87.5 million. Due to Federal Communications Commission ownership regulations, one of the Grant stations, KLJB in Davenport, Iowa, will then be spun off to Mission Broadcasting, but will be operated by Nexstar through a shared services agreement.[309]
	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the non-license assets of WPFO, the Fox affiliate in Portland, Maine, from Corporate Media Consultants Group (which in turn is 49-percent owned by Max Media). Sinclair's existing Portland property, WGME-TV, has produced a newscast for the station since 2007.[310] On November 20, it was announced that Cunningham Broadcasting will acquire the license assets for $3.4 million.[311]
7	Dish Network announces that it will close its 300 remaining Blockbuster stores and DVD-by-mail service in January 2014, ending the video rental chain's 28 years in business. The Blockbuster name will still live on through Dish's suite of film channels, its online television and movie streaming services, and franchised brick-and-mortar operations.[312]
	Access.1 Communications is selling NBC affiliate WMGM-TV/Wildwood, New Jersey to LocusPoint Networks for $6 million. Upon the completion of the sale, Access.1 will continue to

	operate the station.[313]
9	KTUU-TV, the NBC affiliate in Anchorage, Alaska, is dropped by GCI in 22 rural Alaska communities, after the two sides were unable to come to a new retransmission agreement, though GCI still carries some KTUU and NBC programming in some of these areas through the Alaska Rural Communications Service. The dispute does not involve areas (including Anchorage) where GCI carries KTUU through must-carry. The move follows the sale of rival KTVA to GCI subsidiary Denali Media Holdings a week earlier, which KTUU had opposed over concerns that this move could be made. KTUU's channel slot on most of the affected systems is now occupied by Starz Kids & Family. Despite this dispute, KTUU extended its newscast carriage agreement with fellow NBC affiliates KATH-LD in Juneau and KSCT-LP in Sitka (which were also acquired by GCI/Denali at the same time it acquired KTVA) through November 22.[314][315][316]
10	CBS' *60 Minutes* airs a formal apology for its October 27 story on the September 2012 attack on a US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. The story, reported by Lara Logan (who gives her own apology in a November 8 chat with *CBS This Morning*), featured an interview with a security contractor who claimed to have witnessed the attack, a claim whose validity had been scrutinized since the broadcast.[317] On November 26, Logan and producer Max McClellan takes a leave of absence from the program as a result of an internal review issued by CBS News chairman Jeff Fager.[318]
11	Over a month after reluctantly undergoing a mammogram in a live feature for *Good Morning America* (at the urging of *GMA* host and breast cancer survivor Robin Roberts), ABC News correspondent Amy Robach returns to *GMA* to reveal that she will undergo a double mastectomy as a result of that test's discovery of a breast cancer tumor.[319]
	SpongeBob SquarePants premieres the episode "SpongeBob, You're Fired!", which deals with the sensitive subjects of unemployment and public assistance through the titular character losing his job. The episode attracts 5.2 million viewers, becoming Nickelodeon's highest rated non-special program in two years.[320]
12	As part of a graphics package refresh and a greater revamp aimed at "getting back to [its] roots", The Weather Channel unveils a news ticker-style weather information banner at the lower third of the screen. The ticker's constant appearance (during both regular programming and national commercial breaks) is a first for the channel.[321]
	Young Broadcasting and Media General completed their merger, 4 days after the FCC approved their merger.[322][323] Due to the way the merger is structured, Young Broadcasting's

	shareholders will control a majority of Media General's stock; however, the combined company will take the "Media General" name (with headquarters remaining in Richmond) and will own 30 stations, reaching 14% of the United States.
13	NBCUniversal announces it has taken full ownership in the preschooler-oriented channel Sprout, buying out the shares of founding partners PBS, Sesame Workshop, and Apax Partners.[324]
14	In a unanimous decision, the FCC votes to allow the examination, on a case-by-case basis, of requests by foreign entities to own broadcast properties beyond the 25% ownership limit imposed on them through the Communications Act of 1934.[325]
15	FXX acquires cable syndication and on-demand rights to all episodes of *The Simpsons* at an estimated price of $750 million, considered to be the largest off-network deal in television history. The show is scheduled to begin airing on FXX in August 2014.[326]
	Lockwood Broadcast Group announced that it would sell WQCW to Excalibur Broadcasting for $5.5 million. Upon completion of the sale, Gray Television will operate the station through a shared services agreement, becoming a sister station to NBC affiliate WSAZ-TV.[327]
	MSNBC places Alec Baldwin and his program *Up Late with Alec Baldwin* on a two-week suspension after a confrontation with a reporter from Fox O&OWNYW/New York City, who was seeking to question him about a court case in which Baldwin was testifying at a trial of a woman accused of stalking him. Baldwin then insulted the reporter after he brushed him off, including criticizing his station's parent company, which was followed by more insults, including using anti-gay slurs, at other members of the press and paparazzi. Baldwin immediately apologized to his viewers for his actions.[328] On November 26, Baldwin announced that he and MSNBC have agreed to end his program in part to his actions over the incident[329]
	The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the organization that oversees the Emmy Award, announced plans to transition to an online voting system. The two-year, two-step switchover will first cover the initial round of Emmy voting that determines the nominees across all categories. The online voting will be extended to all rounds of Television Academy's Emmy voting process, determining nominees and winners in all categories, starting in 2015.[330]
20	Gray Television announced it would purchase Hoak Media and Parker Broadcasting for $335

	million, and North Dakota's Fox affiliates KNDX/KXND from Prime Cities Broadcasting for $7.5 million. In part of the deal Hoak's KHAS-TV, Parker's KXJB and KAQY, and the North Dakota Fox stations will be sold to Excalibur Broadcasting and operated by Gray under local marketing agreements.[331] To comply with FCC ownership limits, on December 19, Gray announced that Hoak's KREX and WMBB and will be sold to Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Parker's KFQX to Mission Broadcasting, for $37.5 million.[332]
	Raycom Media announces it will operate New Orleans' Fox affiliate WVUE-DT, through a shared services agreement. WVUE's owner, the Tom Benson-owned Louisiana Media Company, will continue to hold the license of the station.[333]
22	Numerous news programs and cable channels commemorate the 50th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy assassination by airing live memorials, retrospectives, analysis, and new documentaries.[334]
	Sinclair Broadcast Group acquires the non-license assets of Reno NBC affiliate, KRNV-DT, from Intermountain West Communications Company, for $26 million. It is expected to end the simulcast of KTVU newscasts airing on Fox station KRXI, and replace it with a KRNV-produced newscast.[335] On December 19, it was announced that Cunningham Broadcasting will acquire the license assets of KRNV and KENV for $6.5 million.[336][337]
23	The 50th anniversary of the debut of *Doctor Who* is commemorated with a global same-day simulcast of a special episode, "The Day of the Doctor". The premiere broadcast on BBC America attracts 2.4 million viewers, a record for the network.[338][339] An interactive game featuring all 11 Doctors debuts on Google.com.[340]
	Bill Cosby: Far From Finished airs on Comedy Central, Cosby's first stand-up comedy special in 30 years.[341]
	During a live telecast for a Thanksgiving Special on the Food Network, Giada De Laurentiis accidentally cuts her finger while slicing up a turkey roll. During the break she went to receive medical attention; she then returned to the set to finish out the special with a bandaged finger.[342]
24	With the series' producers reasoning it as a "fun way to shake things up" after 11 years, *Family Guy's* Brian Griffin dies after being hit by a car in the episode "Life of Brian", with the Griffins later adopting a new family dog, Vinny (voiced by Tony Sirico).[343] Brian is rescued from the dead (through Stewie Griffin's use of his time return pad) in the December

	15 episode "Christmas Guy."[344]
	Resolving a story line that predates the series, Thomas Jane (Simon Baker) encounters — and kills — Napa County Sheriff Thomas McAllister (played by Xander Berkeley), aka Red John, the serial killer responsible for the murders of Jane's wife and daughter, in *The Mentalist* episode "Red John".[345]
25	Three days after her departure from ABC News is confirmed by the network,[346] Katie Couric inks a deal with Yahoo! to serve as "global anchor" for Yahoo! News.[347]
26	Amber Riley wins season 17 of *Dancing with the Stars*.[348]

December[edit]

Date	Event
2	Encore rebrands two of its multiplex channels: Encore Drama becomes Encore Black, targeting African American viewers, while Encore Love becomes the baby boomer-targeted Encore Classic. Encore also moves Encore Español from the Starz package to Spanish language tiers.[349] Additionally, all of the Encore channels remove the classic sunshine graphic that was used since its launch in 1991.
4	Popular *Good Morning America* weatherman Sam Champion appears on the program for the final time, as he leaves ABC after 25 years (18 with WABC-TV/New York City, and seven as weather anchor for ABC News) to become managing editor/program host at The Weather Channel in early 2014.[350]
	MSNBC host Martin Bashir submits his resignation in the wake of his graphic critique of Fox News commentator and former Alaska governor Sarah Palin in a November 15 commentary.[351]
5	Stating that "it could no longer effectively serve the Northern Shenandoah Valley", Gray Television-owned TV3 Winchester discontinues its local news and sales operations. The ABC affiliate, seen only on cable in the Winchester, Virginia area but also available over-the-air on sister station WHSV-DT3 in nearby Harrisonburg, had offered local content since its

	launch in 2007.[352]
6	Eleven months after dropping the channel's predecessor Current TV, Time Warner Cable begins adding Al Jazeera America to select TWC and Bright House Networks systems.[353] Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks are the first mainstream carriers in the country to offer the channel in high definition.
8	After five months of guest hosts in the wake of Howard Kurtz's departure from CNN, former *New York Times* reporter Brian Stelter officially debuts as the new host of *Reliable Sources*.[354]
9	Denali Media Holdings (a subsidiary of GCI) purchases three Alaska CBS affiliates from Ketchikan Television for $1 million. The stations includes KUBD/Ketchikan, KTNL-TV/Sitka and KXLJ-LD/Juneau.[355][356]
11	The United States bankruptcy court gives its initial approval for a plan by the creditors of Roberts Broadcasting (including Ion Media Networks) to transfer its remaining television stations—WRBU/St. Louis (MyNetworkTV), WZRB/Columbia, SC (CW), and WAZE-LP/WJPS-LP/WIKY-LP/Evansville, IN (dark) to a trust, with Ion as its beneficiary. Roberts' attorney subsequently states that Ion would purchase the stations for $7.75 million, which will allow Roberts to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.[357][358] Roberts had earlier proposed an alternate plan that would have had only the WAZE repeaters be transferred to the trust, with WRBU and WZRB being sold to Tri-State Christian Television.[357] Roberts had filed to sell WZRB to TCT subsidiary Radiant Life Ministries on December 2 in a $2 million deal,[359] and two days later filed to sell WRBU to TCT in a $5.5 million deal.[360]
12	Six years after retiring as host, Bob Barker makes a return appearance on *The Price Is Right* to commemorate his 90th birthday.[361]
15	El Rey, an English-language television channel by Robert Rodriguez and Univision Communications is launched.[362]
16	WeatherNation TV is added to DirecTV giving the mainly broadcast digital subchannel network its first national television carrier and providing competition to The Weather Channel on DirecTV systems.[363]
18	Gray Television announces its purchase Rapid City Fox affiliate KEVN-TV (and Lead satellite

	station, KIVV-TV) from Mission TV, LLC (unrelated to Nexstar-connected Mission Broadcasting) for $7.75 million.[364]
	A&E places *Duck Dynasty* star Phil Robertson on an indefinite suspension for comments he made regarding homosexuality and the civil rights era in an interview with *GQ*.[365] A&E reinstates Robertson on December 27.[366]
19	KGWN-TV/Cheyenne, Wyoming discontinues its "Northern Colorado 5" service, stating that "it could no longer effectively serve the Northern Colorado area." The service, which launched in 2008, served (and was seen on cable in) the Fort Collins area (within the Denver market); it was also available over-the-air via KGWN-DT2 from Cheyenne.[367]
23	Gannett Company completes its $2.2 billion purchase of the Dallas-based broadcasting/publishing company Belo Corporation.[368] The deal, originally announced on June 13 and approved by the FCC on December 20,[171][369] increases Gannett's TV station portfolio to 42 stations, including shared services agreements in Louisville and Portland in a sidecar agreement with Sander Media, a separate company owned by former Belo executive Jack Sander. (Gannett retains newspaper ownership in those markets.)[370][371] The deal does not include Belo's KMOV/St. Louis and KTVK/KASW/Phoenix; the United States Department of Justice announced on December 16 that Gannett and Sander Media would have to divest KMOV to another company to preserve competition between KMOV and Gannett-owned KSDK (Gannett would have provided some services to a Sander Media-owned KMOV under the original deal).[372] Gannett obliges on this date by agreeing to sell KMOV, KTVK, and KASW to Meredith Corporation for $407.5 million; the KASW license will then be transferred to SagamoreHill Broadcasting, as Meredith already owns KPHO-TV in Phoenix.[373]
27	Tribune Broadcasting officially closes on their purchase of most of Local TV's stations, with three stations in markets with Tribune newspaper ownership conflicts purchased by Dreamcatcher Broadcasting and receiving services from Tribune.[374]
29	In and end-of-year posting on her Facebook page, *Good Morning America* host Robin Roberts acknowledges having been in a ten-year relationship with another woman, becoming the latest TV personality to disclose their sexuality.[375]
30	Former *Today* hosts Bryant Gumbel and Jane Pauley return to the NBC morning show, serving as guest co-hosts alongside Matt Lauer.[376]
	The Price is Right contestant Sheree Heil becomes the biggest daytime game show winner in

	history. In the pricing game *Gas Money,* she won an Audi R8 V8 Spyder Quattro S Tronic valued at $157,300 and $10,000 in cash. Combined with her One Bid win of $3,045 of Prada shoes, her total winnings for the episode is $170,345.[377]
31	Soapnet formally discontinues programming on all cable and satellite providers after 14 years. The closure of the Walt Disney-owned soap opera-oriented cable channel comes over three years after Disney announced plans to replace it with Disney Junior, which launched on its own in 2012.[378]
	Time Warner Cable CEO Glenn Britt retires after 41 years with the company. He is succeeded by the company's President and COO, Robert Marcus, on January 1, 2014.[379]

Television programs[edit]

See also: 2012–13 United States network television schedule and 2013–14 United States network television schedule

Programs debuting in 2013[edit]

These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2013. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
January 1	*The Sisterhood*	TLC	[380]
	Totally T-Boz		[381]
	Storage Wars: New York	A&E	[382]
	Hardcore Pawn: Chicago	truTV	[383]
January 3	*Buckwild*	MTV	[384]
January 4	*Taste in Translation*	Cooking Channel	[385]

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January 5	*Biggest and Baddest with Niall McCann*	Velocity	[386]
January 6	*Emeril's Florida*	Cooking Channel	[387]
	Making Mr. Right	VH1	[388]
January 7	*Deception*		[389]
	Black Ink Crew	NBC	[390]
	Vanderpump Rules	Bravo	[391]
January 8	*Africa*	Discovery	[392]
January 9	*Washington Heights*	MTV	[393]
	60 Minutes Sports	Showtime	[394]
January 10	*1600 Penn*	NBC	[390]
	Double Divas	Lifetime	[395]
	The Killer Speaks	A&E	[396]
January 11	*Banshee*	Cinemax	[397]
	Sofia the First	Disney Junior	[398]

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January 12	*Cyndi Lauper: Still So Unusual*	WE tv	[399]
	Staten Island Law	OWN	[400]
January 14	*The Carrie Diaries*	The CW	[401]
	Continuum	SyFy	[402]
	Pete Rose: Hits & Mrs.	TLC	[403]
	Food Factory	Destination America	[404]
	Shipwreck Men	Discovery	[405]
January 15	*Real Husbands of Hollywood*	BET	[406]
	Second Generation Wayans		
	Redrum	Investigation Discovery	[407]
January 16	*The (206)*	KING-TV/Seattle	[408]
	Ghost Mine	SyFy	[409]
	Bobby's Dinner Battle	Food Network	[410]
	Kroll Show	Comedy Central	[411]

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January 17	*King of the Nerds*	TBS	[412]
	Legit	FX	[413]
	Newsreaders	Adult Swim	[414]
January 19	*Stuff You Should Know*	Science	[415]
January 20	*Chasing the Saturdays*	E!	[416]
January 21	*The Following*	Fox	[417]
January 22	The Scapegoat	Ovation	[418]
	The Taste	ABC	[419]
	Wild Deep	Animal Planet	[420]
	Edge of America	Travel Channel	[421]
January 23	*Kimora: House of Fab*	Style	[422]
	Big Rich Atlanta		
January 24	*Incredible Crew*	Cartoon Network	[423]
	Swamp Pawn	CMT	[424]

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January 28	*Built*	Style	[425]
January 29	*Nikki & Sara Live*	MTV	[426]
	Starter Wives Confidential	TLC	[427]
	Southie Rules	A&E	[396]
January 30	*The Americans*	FX	[428]
January 31	*Do No Harm*	NBC	[429]
February 1	*Belle's*	TV One	[430]
	House of Cards	Netflix	[431]
	Who the (Bleep)...	Investigation Discovery	[432]
February 2	*Power Rangers Megaforce*	Nickelodeon	[433]
February 4	*Monday Mornings*	TNT	[434]
	Raising America with Kyra Phillips	HLN	[435]
February 7	*Guinness World Records Gone Wild*	TruTV	[436]
February 8	*The Jenny McCarthy Show*	VH1	[437]

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	The Job	CBS	[438]
	Something Borrowed, Something New	TLC	[439]
	Alpha Dogs	Nat Geo Wild	[440]
February 9	Old Folks Home	Science Channel	[441]
February 10	*Car Lot Rescue*	Spike	[442]
	Kings of Crash	Velocity	[443]
	Gypsy Sisters	TLC	[444]
February 11	*Bang Goes the Theory*	BBC America	[445]
February 12	*The Face*	Oxygen	[446]
February 14	Immortalized	AMC	[447]
	Freakshow		
	Zero Hour	ABC	[419]
	Failosophy	MTV	[448]
	DC Cupcakes: County Fair	TLC	[449]

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February 16	*Wendell & Vinnie*	Nickelodeon	[450]
February 18	*Inside Combat Rescue*	National Geographic Channel	[451]
February 19	*Cult*	The CW	[452]
	The Jeselnik Offensive	Comedy Central	[411]
	Peter Rabbit	Nickelodeon	[453]
February 20	*Weed Country*	Discovery	[454]
	Pot Cops		[454]
February 21	*Upload with Shaquille O'Neal*	truTV	[455]
	For What It's Worth	VH1 Classic	[456]
February 22	*Alien Dawn*	Nicktoons	[457]
	Out There	IFC	[458]
February 25	*Burning Love*	E!	[459]
February 26	*Golden Boy*	CBS	[460]
	Armed & Ready	Travel Channel	[461]

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	Mac Miller and the Most Dope Family	MTV2	[462]
	Robot Combat League	SyFy	[463]
February 27	*Stranded*		[409]
	Rescue My Renovation	DIY Network	[464]
February 28	*The Ben Show*	Comedy Central	[411]
	Nathan for You		
March 2	*Blackboard Wars*	OWN	[465]
March 3	*Red Widow*	ABC	[419]
	Vikings	History	[466]
	Welcome to Myrtle Manor	TLC	[467]
March 4	*LA Shrinks*	Bravo	[468]
	Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?	National Geographic Channel	[469]
March 5	Prospectors	Weather Channel	[470]
	Treasure Detectives	CNBC	[471]

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	The Car Chasers		[471]
March 6	Feed the Beast	Travel Channel	[472]
March 7	*L.A. Frock Stars*	Smithsonian Channel	[473]
March 12	*Family Trade*	GSN	[474]
	Dead of Night	Investigation Discovery	[475]
March 14	*Funeral Boss*	Discovery Fit & Health	[476]
March 17	*Playing with Fire*	E!	[477]
	Wicked Single	VH1	[478]
March 18	*Bates Motel*	A&E	[479]
	Gizmodo: The Gadget Testers	BBC America	[480]
March 19	*Splash*	ABC	[419]
	Urban Tarzan	Spike	[481]
March 20	*Foodiculous*	Travel Channel	[482]
March 21	*Forecasting the End*	The Weather Channel	[483]

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March 23	*Monsters vs. Aliens*	Nickelodeon	[484]
March 24	*Married to Medicine*	Bravo	[485]
	Monsters and Mysteries in America	Destination America	[486]
March 25	Loaded	The Weather Channel	[483]
March 30	*Rebel Eats*	Food Network	[487]
March 31	*Bad Samaritans*	Netflix	[488]
April 1	*The Gossip Game*	VH1	[489]
	(Get to) The Point	CNN	[490]
April 3	*How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life)*	ABC	[419]
	Forever Young	TV Land	[491]
	Rogue	Audience Network	[492]
April 4	*Hannibal*	NBC	[493]
	Casino Confidential	TLC	[494]
	America's Worst Tattoos		

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April 6	*Garage Gold*	DIY Network	[495]
April 7	*The Sheards*	BET	[496]
April 9	*The Kandi Factory*	Bravo	[497]
	Ready For Love	NBC	[390]
	Find Me My Man	Oxygen	[498]
April 10	*Deep South Paranormal*	SyFy	[499]
April 11	*The Moment*	USA Network	[500]
April 12	*Da Vinci's Demons*	Starz	[501]
April 13	*Life with La Toya*	OWN	[502]
	Bet on Your Baby	ABC	[503]
April 14	*Fashion Queens*	Bravo	[504]
	Naked Castaway		[505]
April 15	*Defiance*	SyFy	[506]
	Burger Land	Travel Channel	[507]

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	Henry Hugglemonster	Disney Junior	[508]
April 16	*Who Gets the Last Laugh?*	TBS	[509]
	Flip or Flop	HGTV	[510]
April 17	*Off Pitch*	VH1	[511]
April 18	*Your Pretty Face Is Going to Hell*	Adult Swim	[512]
April 19	*Hemlock Grove*	Netflix	[513]
	Blade Brothers	Discovery Channel	[514]
April 20	*Raising Whitley*	OWN	[502]
April 21	*Dog and Beth: On the Hunt*	CMT	[515]
	Guntucky		[516]
	I'm Married to a...	VH1	[489]
	What Would Ryan Lochte Do?	E!	[517]
	Ice Cold Gold	Animal Planet	[518]
April 22	*Rectify*	Sundance Channel	[519]

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	Brain Games	National Geographic	[520]
April 23	*Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life*	MTV	[521]
	Girl Code		[522]
	Backyard Oil	Discovery	[523]
	Teen Titans Go!	Cartoon Network	[524]
April 25	*Giving You the Business*	Food Network	[525]
April 29	*XOX Betsey Johnson*	Style	[526]
	Red White & New	Travel Channel	[527]
April 30	*Inside Amy Schumer*	Comedy Central	[411]
	Crowd Rules	CNBC	[528]
May 1	*Family Tools*	ABC	[419]
	The Big Brain Theory	Discovery Channel	[529]
May 2	*Karma's A B*tch*	Investigation Discovery	[530]
	The Show with Vinny	MTV	[531]

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	Zach Stone Is Gonna Be Famous		[532]
May 3	*Maron*	IFC	[533]
May 6	*Newlyweds: The First Year*	Bravo	[534]
	Pizza Cuz	Cooking Channel	[535]
	Take Me to Your Mother	Nick Jr.	[536]
May 7	*I Hate My Yard*	DIY Network	[495]
May 9	*Monumental Mysteries*	Travel Channel	[537]
	Mountain Movers	National Geographic Channel	[538]
May 12	*Family Tree*	HBO	[539]
	Breaking Amish: Brave New World	TLC	[540]
	Ultimate Survival Alaska	National Geographic Channel	[541]
May 19	*Life Below Zero*		[542]
	North America	Discovery	[543]
May 20	*The Goodwin Games*	Fox	[544]

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	Motive	ABC	[545]
	Girl, Get Your Mind Right	MTV	[546]
May 21	*Bad Girls All-Star Battle*	Oxygen	[547]
May 23	*Does Someone Have to Go?*	Fox	[544]
	Save Me	NBC	[548]
	Showville	AMC	[549]
May 25	*Sanjay and Craig*	Nickelodeon	[550]
May 26	*Rock My RV*	Travel Channel	[551]
	Marvel's Avengers Assemble	Disney XD	[552]
May 28	*Never Do This at Home*	Spike	[553]
	Family S.O.S. with Jo Frost	TLC	[554]
	Brooklyn DA	CBS	[555]
May 29	*The American Baking Competition*		[556]
	The Haves and the Have Nots	OWN	[557]

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	Love Thy Neighbor		[557]
	Dancing Fools	ABC Family	[558]
May 30	*Renovation Raiders*	HGTV	[510]
May 31	*Treehouse Masters*	Animal Planet	[559]
	Marriage Boot Camp: Bridezillas	WE tv	[560]
June 1	*Pregnant & Dating*		[561]
	Staged to Perfection	HGTV	[510]
June 2	*Princesses: Long Island*	Bravo	[505]
	The Wanted Life	E!	[562]
	Top Hooker	Animal Planet	[563]
June 3	*Mistresses*	ABC	[564]
	The Fosters	ABC Family	[565]
June 4	*Exit*	SyFy	[566]
	Pretty Wicked Moms	Lifetime	[567]

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June 5	*The Good Buy Girls*	TLC	[554]
	Beverly Hills Pawn	ReelzChannel	[568]
June 6	*Race To The Scene*		[568]
	The Hero	TNT	[569]
	72 Hours		[569]
	Graceland	USA Network	[570]
June 8	*Sinbad*	SyFy	[571]
	Primeval: New World		[571]
	Sam & Cat	Nickelodeon	[572]
	Disrupt with Karen Finney	MSNBC	[573]
June 9	*Stroumboulopoulos*	CNN	[574]
June 10	*New Day*		[575]
	King & Maxwell	TNT	[569]
	Deon Cole's Black Box	TBS	[576]

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	Street Outlaws	Discovery Channel	[577]
	The Winner Is	NBC	[578]
June 11	*Twisted*	ABC Family	[565]
	Renovate to Rent	HGTV	[510]
	My Teen is Pregnant and So Am I	TLC	[554]
June 12	*Dig Wars*	Travel Channel	[527]
June 13	*House of Curves*	WE tv	[579]
June 18	*Blood And Oil*	Discovery	[580]
June 19	*Fight Master: Bellator MMA*	Spike TV	[581]
	The Soup Investigates	E!	[582]
June 23	*Whodunnit?*	ABC	[583]
	Devious Maids	Lifetime	[584]
	Crossing Lines	NBC	[578]
	Naked and Afraid	Discover Channel	[585]

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	Crimes of the Century	CNN	[586]
	Morgan Spurlock Inside Man		[587]
June 24	*Under the Dome*	CBS	[588]
June 30	*Ray Donovan*	Showtime	[589]
July 1	*Below Deck*	Bravo	[590]
	Siberia	NBC	[591]
	AwesomenessTV	Nickelodeon	[592]
July 5	*Warlocks Rising*	Discovery Channel	[593]
	Philly Throttle		
July 7	*Bikinis & Boardwalks*	Travel Channel	[594]
	Food Court Wars	Food Network	[595]
July 8	*Get Out Alive with Bear Grylls*	NBC	[548]
	Kentucky Bidders	truTV	[596]
	God, Guns & Automobiles	History	[597]

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July 9	*Property Envy*	Bravo	[598]
	Drunk History	Comedy Central	[599]
July 10	*The Bridge*	FX	[600]
	Camp	NBC	[548]
July 11	*Hollywood Game Night*		[578]
	Orange Is the New Black	Netflix	[601]
	Summer Camp	USA	[602]
July 13	*Beware the Batman*	Cartoon Network	[603]
	The Haunted Hathaways	Nickelodeon	[604]
	Bounty Hunters	CMT	[605]
July 14	*Hillbillies for Hire*		[605]
	Pop Innovators	E!	[606]
July 15	*Kris*	Fox O&Os	[607]
	The Real		[608]

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July 26	*Would You Fall for That*	ABC	[620]
July 27	*Axe Cop*	Fox	[621]
	High School USA!		[621]
July 28	*Total Divas*	E!	[622]
July 29	*The Writers' Room*	Sundance Channel	[623]
July 30	*The Profit*	CNBC	[624]
	Capture	The CW	[625]
July 31	The Hunt		[609]
	Best Daym Takeout	Travel Channel	[626]
	Shark Hunters	NBCSN	[627]
August 1	*Hatfields & McCoys: White Lighting*	History	[628]
	Please Like Me	Pivot	[629]
	TakePart Live		[630]

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August 2	*Saint Hoods*	Discovery Channel	[631]
August 3	*In the Flesh*	BBC America	[632]
	Rabbids Invasion	Nickelodeon	[633]
August 4	*RIDE-iculous*	Travel Channel	[594]
August 5	The Shed	Food Network	[634]
August 6	*The Legend of Shelby the Swamp Man*	History	[635]
August 11	*Marvel's Hulk and the Agents of S.M.A.S.H.*	Disney XD	[552]
	Eat, Drink, Love	Bravo	[505]
	Low Winter Sun	AMC	[549]
	Talking Bad		
	Bad Ink	A&E	[636]
	Cutthroat Kitchen	Food Network	[637]
August 12	*PAW Patrol*	Nickelodeon	[638]
	Legal View with Ashleigh Banfield	CNN	[639]

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August 13	*Cash Dome*	truTV	[596]
	Heroes of Cosplay	SyFy	[640]
	Porter Ridge	Discovery Channel	[641]
	Tickle		[642]
	Doomsday Castle	National Geographic Channel	[643]
August 14	Let It Ride		[644]
August 15	*Owner's Manual*	AMC	[549]
August 16	*Wander Over Yonder*	Disney Channel & Cartoon Network	[645]
August 19	*Crowd Goes Wild*	Fox Sports 1	[646]
August 21	*Modern Dads*	A&E	[647]
August 26	*Olbermann*	ESPN2	[648]
August 27	*Cosworld*	SyFy	[610]
September 2	*Uncle Grandpa*	Cartoon Network	[649]
September 3	*My Big Fat Revenge*	Oxygen	[650]

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	We're the Fugawis	History	[651]
September 4	*Digfellas*	Travel Channel	[652]
September 6	*Hello Ross*	E!	[653]
September 8	*Media Buzz*	Fox News Channel	[654]
September 9	*The Million Second Quiz*	NBC	[655]
	The Test	First-run syndication	[656]
	Supreme Justice With Judge Karen		[657]
	OK!TV		[658]
September 11	*Thieves Inc.*	Food Network	[659]
	Too Young To Marry?	Oxygen	[446]
September 15	*The Great Santini Brothers*	History Channel	[660]
September 16	*Sleepy Hollow*	Fox	[661]
September 17	*Dads*		[661]
	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		

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	The New Atlanta	Bravo	[662]
	I Dream of NeNe: The Wedding		[663]
September 18	*Big Freedia: Queen of Bounce*	Fuse TV	[664]
September 23	*Mom*	CBS	[665]
	Hostages		
	The Blacklist	NBC	[666]
	Paternity Court	First-run syndication	[667]
September 24	*Fangasm*	SyFy	[668]
	Who Wore It Better	E!	[669]
	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	ABC	[670]
	The Goldbergs		
	Trophy Wife		
	Lucky 7		

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
September 25	*Back in the Game*		[670]
September 26	*The Crazy Ones*	CBS	[665]
	The Michael J. Fox Show	NBC	[666]
September 27	*MasterChef Junior*	Fox	[661]
September 28	*CBS Dream Team*	CBS	
September 29	*Masters of Sex*	Showtime	[589]
	Betrayal	ABC	[670]
	Instant Mom	Nick at Nite	[671]
September 30	*The Real Story with Gretchen Carlson*	Fox News Channel	[237]
	We Are Men	CBS	[665]
October 1	*Dukes Of Haggle*	Discovery Channel	[672]
October 2	*Super Fun Night*	ABC	[670]
	Ironside	NBC	[666]

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October 3	*Welcome to the Family*		[666]
	Sean Saves the World		
	The Millers	CBS	[665]
	Man, Cheetah, Wild	Discovery Channel	[673]
	The Originals	The CW	[674]
	Society X with Laura Ling	E!	[675]
October 4	*Cassadee Pope: Frame by Frame*	CMT	[676]
October 6	*Witches of East End*	Lifetime	[677]
	Alaskan Women Looking for Love	TLC	[678]
	T.D. Jakes Presents: Mind, Body & Soul	BET	[679]
October 7	*Peg + Cat*	PBS Kids	[680]
October 9	*The Tomorrow People*	The CW	[681]
	Big Tips Texas	MTV	[682]
October 10	*Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*	ABC	[670]

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October 11	*Up Late with Alec Baldwin*	MSNBC	[683]
October 14	*The Thundermans*	Nickelodeon	[684]
October 15	*Criss Angel: BeLIEve*	Spike	[685]
October 16	*Gem Hunt*	Travel Channel	[686]
October 17	*Reign*	The CW	[674]
October 18	*The Birthday Boys*	IFC	[687]
October 20	*Guy's Grocery Games*	Food Network	[688]
October 21	*Bar Hunters*	Discovery Channel	[689]
October 22	*Ravenswood*	ABC Family	[690]
	Chasing Nashville	Lifetime	[691]
	Trust Me, I'm a Game Show Host	TBS	[692]
October 23	*Best Funeral Ever*	TLC	[693]
October 24	*Million Dollar Shoppers*	Lifetime	[694]
	Scrubbing In	MTV	[695]

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	Restaurant Divided	Food Network	[696]
October 25	*Dracula*	NBC	[666]
	Styled to Rock	Bravo	[697]
October 27	*The Governor's Wife*	A&E	[698]
	Hiring Squad	Spike	[699]
October 28	*The Pete Holmes Show*	TBS	[700]
October 29	*Naked Vegas*	SyFy	[668]
November 3	*It Takes A Choir*	USA	[701]
	Restaurant Express	Food Network	[702]
November 4	*Steven Universe*	Cartoon Network	[703]
November 6	*Mother Up!*	Hulu	
November 8	*The Lylas*	WE tv	[704]
November 10	*Thicker than Water*	Bravo	[705]
	American Jungle	History	[706]

Start date	Show	Channel	Source
November 14	*Ground Floor*	TBS	[692]
November 17	*Almost Human*	Fox	[707]
	On the Rocks	Food Network	[708]
November 24	*Getting On*	HBO	[709]
	Ja'mie: Private School Girl		[710]
	Breaking the Faith	TLC	[711]
November 25	*Generation Cryo*	MTV	[712]
December 2	*Bakery Boss*	TLC	[713]
December 4	*Kirstie*	TV Land	[714]
	Mob City	TNT	[715]
December 5	Panic Button	truTV	[716]
	Courtney Loves Dallas	Bravo	[717]
December 8	*Dude, You're Screwed*	Discovery	[718]
December	*Rodeo Girls*	A&E	[719]

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Programs entering syndication in 2013[edit]

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (3 or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
Bob's Burgers	3	Yes	[720]
Bridezillas	10	No	[721]
The Cleveland Show	4	No	[722]
Glee	5	Yes	[723]
The Middle	4	Yes	[724]
Modern Family	4	Yes	[725]
Sanctuary	4	No	[726]

Programs changing networks[edit]

The following shows will air new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes.

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Mudcats	History	National Geographic Channel	[727]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse	TBS	OWN	[728]
UFC Tonight	Fox Sports 2	Fox Sports 1	[729]
The Ultimate Fighter	FX		[730]
It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia		FXX	[731]
The League			
Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell			
MDA Show of Strength	First-run syndication	ABC	[732]
Wild 'n Out	MTV	MTV2	[733]
Big Brother: After Dark	SHO2	TVGN	[734]
The Penguins of Madagascar	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons	
T.U.F.F. Puppy			
Robot and Monster			
House of Anubis		TeenNick	[735]
Arrested Development	Fox	Netflix	[736]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Cops		Spike	[125]
Cougar Town	ABC	TBS	[737]
All My Children	ABC	The Online Network	[738]
One Life to Live	ABC	The Online Network	[738]
NBA Inside Stuff	ABC	NBA TV	[739]
Whose Line Is It Anyway?	ABC Family	The CW	[740]
Who Do You Think You Are?	NBC	TLC	[741]
Celebrity Ghost Stories	Bio	LMN	[742]
The Haunting of...	Bio	LMN	[743]
I Killed My BFF	Bio	LMN	[744]
Killer Kids	Bio	LMN	[745]

Returning this year[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Source
The Joe Schmo	2004	Spike	Same	January 8	[746]

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<tr><td>Show</td><td></td><td></td><td rowspan="2"></td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>The Fairly OddParents</td><td>2012</td><td>Nickelodeon</td><td>March 23</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>The Venture Bros</td><td>2010</td><td>Adult Swim</td><td rowspan="2">Same</td><td>June 2</td><td>[748]</td></tr>
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Little People, Big World		TLC		October 29	[753]
NBA Inside Stuff	2005	ABC	NBA TV	November 2	[739]
The Sing-Off	2011	NBC	Same	December 9	[754]

Milestone episodes in 2013[edit]

Show	Network	Episode#	Episode Title	Episode air date	Source
Days of Our Lives	NBC	12,000th	N/A	January 11	[755]
Fringe	Fox	100th	"An Enemy of Fate"	January 18	[756]
Psych	USA Network		"100 Clues"	March 27	
Castle	ABC		"The Lives of Others"	April 1	[757]
The Office	NBC	200th	"Finale" (part 1)	May 16	[758]
Keeping Up with the Kardashians	E!	100th	"Life's a Beach (House)"	August 11	[759]
The Soup		500th	N/A; 2 live broadcasts for Eastern & Pacific feeds	August 21	[760]
Big Brother	CBS		N/A	September 5	[761]

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia	FXX	100th	"The Gang Saves The Day"	October 9	[762]
Modern Family	ABC	100th	"Farm Strong"	October 9	[763]
Grey's Anatomy	ABC	200th	"Puttin' on the Ritz"	October 10	[764]
The Middle	ABC	100th	"The 100th"	October 23	[765]
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CBS	300th	"Frame by Frame"	October 23	[766]
The Good Wife	CBS	100th	"The Decision Tree"	December 1	[767]
The Chew	ABC	500th	"The Chew's 500th Episode"	December 3	[768]

Programs ending in 2013[edit]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source
January 3	*Generator Rex*	Cartoon Network	2010	Ended	
January 7	*Motorcity*	Disney XD	2012	Canceled	[769]
January 7	*The Mob Doctor*	Fox	2012	Canceled	[770]
January 15	*Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[771]
January 18	*Fringe*	Fox	2008	Ended	[772]

January 22	*Ben and Kate*		2012	Canceled	[773]
January 22	*Private Practice*	ABC	2007	Ended	[774]
January 23	*X-Play*	G4	2003	Canceled	[775]
January 23	*Attack of the Show!*	G4	2005	Canceled	[775]
January 24	*Last Resort*	ABC	2012	Canceled	[776]
January 31	*30 Rock*	NBC	2006	Ended	[777]
February 2	*Victorious*	Nickelodeon	2010	Canceled	[778]
February 4	*Hoarders*	A&E	2009	Canceled	[779]
February 5	*Emily Owens, M.D.*	The CW	2012	Canceled	[780]
February 6	*Love You, Mean It with Whitney Cummings*	E!	2012	Canceled	[781]
February 7	*Buckwild*	MTV	2012	Canceled	[782]
February 7	*Do No Harm*	NBC	2013	Canceled	[783]
February 14	*Handy Manny*	Disney Junior	2006	Ended	
February 15	*The Job*	CBS	2013	Canceled	[784]

	Planet Sheen	Nickelodeon	2010	Ended	
February 18	*Pair of Kings*	Disney XD			
February 22	*CSI: NY*	CBS	2004	Canceled	[785]
February 25	*Bunheads*	ABC Family	2012		[786]
February 27	*Guys with Kids*	NBC			[787]
February 28	*Zero Hour*	ABC	2013		[788]
March 3	*Star Wars: The Clone Wars*	Cartoon Network	2008	Ended	
	Enlightened	HBO	2011	Canceled	[789]
March 12	*The Lying Game*	ABC Family			
March 18	*Deception*	NBC	2013		[790]
March 22	*Malibu Country*	ABC	2012		[791]
March 25	*Sid the Science Kid*	PBS Kids	2008		
March 27	*Whitney*	NBC	2011		[792]
March 28	*1600 Penn*		2013		[793]
March 31	*190 North*	WLS-	1998		[794]

		TV/Chicago			
April 2	*The New Normal*	NBC	2012		[795]
April 5	*Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated*	Cartoon Network	2010	Ended	
	Cult	The CW	2013	Canceled	[796]
April 8	*Monday Mornings*	TNT			[797]
April 11	*Go On*	NBC	2012		[798]
April 14	*Imagination Movers*	Disney Junior	2008	Ended	
April 17	*Southland*	TNT	2009	Canceled	[799]
April 19	*Out There*	IFC	2013		
April 23	*Ready for Love*	NBC			[800]
April 27	*Marvin Marvin*	Nickelodeon	2012		[801]
	Supah Ninjas		2011		
May 1	*Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures*				[802]
May 3	*Happy Endings*	ABC			[803]
May 5	*Red Widow*		2013		[804]

	The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes	Disney XD	2010	Ended	
May 8	*The Troop*	Nickelodeon	2009		
May 10	*Touch*	Fox	2012	Canceled	[805]
	Vegas	CBS			[806]
May 13	*90210*	The CW	2008		[807]
May 14	*Golden Boy*	CBS	2013		[808]
May 16	*The Office*	NBC	2005	Ended	[809]
May 19	*The Cleveland Show*	Fox	2009	Canceled	[810]
May 20	*The Big C*	Showtime	2010	Ended	
	Rules of Engagement	CBS	2007	Canceled	[811]
	Anderson Live	Syndicated	2011		[812]
May 22	*The Jeff Probst Show*		2013		[813]
May 26	*Married to Jonas*	E!	2012		
	Smash	NBC			[814]
May 28	*Body of Proof*	ABC	2011		[815]

May 31	*Merlin*	Syfy	2010	Ended	[816]
June 3	*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*	ABC Family	2008		[817]
June 9	*Army Wives*	Lifetime	2007	Canceled	[818]
June 16	*The Client List*		2012		[819]
June 17	*House of Anubis*	Nickelodeon	2011		
June 19	*The Ricki Lake Show*	Syndicated	2012		[820]
June 21	*Rock Center with Brian Williams*	NBC	2011		[821]
June 26	*How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life)*	ABC	2013		[822]
July 7	*Family Tree*	HBO			[823]
July 9	*Betty White's Off Their Rockers*	NBC	2012		[824]
July 10	*Family Tools*	ABC	2013		[825]
July 13	*666 Park Avenue*		2012		[776]
July 18	*Intervention*	A&E	2005		[826]
July 21	*The Chris Matthews Show*	Syndicated	2002	Ended	[827]

July 25	*Big Time Rush*	Nickelodeon	2009		
August 31	*Fox News Watch*	Fox News Channel	1997	Canceled	[654]
September 4	*Futurama*	Comedy Central	1999		[828]
September 6	*Judge Joe Brown*	Syndicated	1998		[829]
September 12	*Burn Notice*	USA Network	2007	Ended	[830]
September 13	*The Jeremy Kyle Show*	Syndicated	2011	Canceled	[831]
September 21	*Cookie Jar TV*	CBS	2009	Ended	
September 22	*Dexter*	Showtime	2006		[832]
	Wendell & Vinnie	Nickelodeon	2013	Canceled	
September 27	*America Live with Megyn Kelly*	Fox News Channel	2010		[237]
September 29	*Breaking Bad*	AMC	2008	Ended	[833]
October 1	*Lucky 7*	ABC	2013	Canceled	[834]

October 4	*PBS Kids Go!*	PBS Kids	2004	Ended	
October 6	*Low Winter Sun*	AMC	2013	Canceled	[835]
October 7	*We Are Men*	CBS			[836]
October 17	*Welcome to the Family*	NBC			[837]
October 18	*What Not to Wear*	TLC	2003		[838]
October 23	*Ironside*	NBC	2013		[837]
October 27	*Metalocalypse*	Adult Swim	2006	Ended	
October 29	*Nikki & Sara Live*	MTV	2013	Canceled	[839]
October 31	*Cookie Jar Toons/This is for Kids*	This TV	2008	Ended	
November 8	*Up Late with Alec Baldwin*	MSNBC	2013	Canceled	[840]
November 10	*Shake It Up*	Disney Channel	2010		[841]
November 14	*Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*	FXX	2012		[842]
November 16	*Pound Puppies*	Hub Network	2010	Ended	
December 1	*Naruto*	Adult Swim	2005		

December 2	*MAD*	Cartoon Network	2010		
December 7	*The Fresh Beat Band*	Nick Jr.	2009		
	Pokémon: Black & White	Cartoon Network	2011		
December 19	*The X Factor*	Fox		Canceled	[843]
December 27	*Nikita*	The CW	2010	Ended	[844]

Made-for-TV movies and miniseries[edit]

Premiere date	Title	Channel	Source
February 26	*Parade's End*	HBO	[845]
March 3	*The Bible*	History	[846]
March 18	*Top of the Lake*	Sundance	[847]
March 24	*Phil Spector*	HBO	[848]
May 26	*Behind the Candelabra*		[849]
June 1	*Deadly Spa*	Lifetime	[850]
June 8	The Good Mother		[850]

June 15	Gone Missing		[850]
	Playing Father	Hallmark Channel	[851]
June 22	*Jodi Arias: Dirty Little Secret*	Lifetime	[850]
June 29	*Anna Nicole*		[852]
	Star Spangled Banner	Hallmark Channel	[851]
July 11	*Sharknado*	Syfy	[853]
July 19	*Teen Beach Movie*	Disney Channel	
August 1	*Our Nixon*	CNN	[854]
August 8	*Invasion Roswell*	SyFy	[855]
August 10	*Clear History*	HBO	[856]
	Reading, Writing & Romance	Hallmark Channel	[857]
August 17	This Magic Moment	Hallmark Movie Channel	[858]
	Baby Sellers	Lifetime Network	[859]
August 22	Ghost Shark	SyFy	[855]
August 24	*Garage Sale Mystery*	Hallmark Movie	[860]

		Channel	
	Swindle	Nickelodeon	[861]
September 4	*The Flag*	CNN	[862]
September 5	*Ragin Cajun Redneck Gators*	SyFy	[668]
September 6	Dear Dumb Diary	Hallmark Channel	[863]
September 7	*A Sister's Nightmare*	Lifetime	[864]
September 14	*Sins of the Preacher*		[864]
	Robocroc	SyFy	[668]
	Friend Request	Hallmark Movie Channel	[865]
September 20	The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Hallmark Channel	[866]
September 21	*Taken: The Search For Sophie Parker*	Lifetime	[864]
September 28	*The Cheating Pact*		[864]
October 5	*House of Versace*		[867]
	Dead Letters	Hallmark Channel	[868]
October 19	*The Mystery Cruise*		[869]

	Missing at 17	Lifetime	[870]
October 21	*Crazy, Sexy, Cool: The TLC Story*	VH1	[871]
October 24	*Blackfish*	CNN	[872]
October 25	The Hunters	Hallmark	[873]
October 26	*The Husband She Met Online*	Lifetime	[870]
November 8	*Pete's Christmas*	Hallmark Channel	[874]
November 9	Snow Bride		[875]
November 10	*A Very Merry Mix-up*		[876]
November 16	*The Christmas Ornament*		[877]
November 17	*Catch a Christmas*		[878]
	Letters To Jackie: Remembering President Kennedy	TLC	[879]
November 22	*An Adventure in Space and Time*	BBC America	[338]
November 23	*Window Wonderland*	Hallmark Channel	[880]
November 24	*Fir Crazy*		[881]
November 29	*Jinxed*	Nickelodeon	[882]

November 30	Let It Snow	Hallmark Channel	[883]
December 1	The Christmas Spirit		[884]
	Christmas in Conway	ABC	[885]
December 5	*The Sound of Music Live!*	NBC	[886]
December 7	*Santa Switch*	Hallmark Channel	[887]
December 8	Holidaze	ABC Family	[888]
December 8–9	*Bonnie and Clyde: Dead and Alive*	A&E, History, Lifetime (simultaneous airing)	[889][890]
December 14	*Hats Off to Christmas*	Hallmark Channel	[891]
December 15	*Finding Christmas*		[892]

Television stations[edit]

Station launches[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Source
January 14	Alpena, Michigan	WBKB-DT3	11.3	ABC	[893]
January 23	Seattle, Washington	KFFV-DT5	44.5	WeatherNation TV	[894]
April 1	Madison, Wisconsin	WMTV	15.3	Antenna TV	[895]

September 1	North Platte, Nebraska	KNPL-LD	10.1	CBS	[896]
November 1	Chicago, Illinois	WGN-TV	9.3	This TV	

Stations changing network affiliation[edit]

The following is a list of television stations that have made or will make noteworthy network affiliation changes in 2013.

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<tr><th>Date</th><th>Market</th><th>Station</th><th>Channel</th><th>Prior affiliation</th><th>New affiliation</th><th>Source</th></tr>
<tr><td>January 31</td><td>Evansville, Indiana</td><td>WTVW</td><td rowspan="2">7.1</td><td>Independent</td><td>The CW</td><td>[897]</td></tr>
<tr><td>February 25</td><td>Knoxville, Tennessee</td><td>WMAK</td><td>Daystar</td><td>Independent</td><td>[898]</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">March 1</td><td rowspan="2">Fort Wayne, Indiana</td><td>WISE-TV</td><td>33.2</td><td>Fox (primary), MyNetworkTV (secondary)</td><td>MyNetworkTV (exclusive)</td><td rowspan="2">[40]</td></tr>
<tr><td>WFFT-TV</td><td>55.1</td><td>Independent</td><td>Fox</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">March 4</td><td rowspan="2">Burlington, Vermont</td><td>WPTZ</td><td>5.2</td><td>MeTV (exclusive)</td><td>The CW (primary), MeTV (secondary)</td><td rowspan="2">[899]</td></tr>
<tr><td>WFFF-TV</td><td>44.2</td><td>The CW</td><td>Independent</td></tr>
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March 11	Indianapolis, Indiana	WDNI-CD	19.1	Independent	Telemundo	[900]
	Washington, D.C.	WJLA-TV	7.2	The Local AccuWeather Channel	MeTV	[901]
April 1	Superior, Nebraska	KSNB-TV	4.1	Antenna TV (affiliation to remain on 4.2)	MyNetworkTV	[902]
April 17	Boise, Idaho	KIVI-TV	6.3	Retro Television Network	The Nashville Network	[903]
May 24	Jackson, Mississippi	WRBJ	34.1	The CW	TBN	[904]
June 12	Columbus, Ohio	WBNS-TV	10.2	The Local AccuWeather Channel	Antenna TV	[citation needed]
July 1	Charlotte, North Carolina	WCCB	18.1	Fox	The CW	[905]
		WJZY	46.1	The CW	Fox	[28]
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	WDJT-TV	58.4	Shorewest TV (Time-buy Real estate listings)	TouchVision	[906]
August 1	Panama City, Florida	WMBB-TV	13.2	This TV	MeTV	[citation needed]

	New Orleans	WLAE	32.1	PBS	Educational Independent	[196]
August 20	New York, New York	WRNN-TV	48.2	Al Jazeera English	Blue Ocean Network	[citation needed]
September 30	Wilmington, North Carolina	WWAY	3.2	Retro Television Network	The CW	[907]
	Jackson, Mississippi	WJTV	12.2	Weather Radar		[citation needed]
October 14	Macon, Georgia	WMAZ-TV	13.2			[908]
October 31	Flint/Tri-Cities, Michigan	WJRT-TV	12.3	The Local AccuWeather Channel	WeatherNation TV	[909]
November 1	Chicago, Illinois	WCIU-TV	26.5	This TV	Bounce TV	[910]

Station closures[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Sign-on date	Source
January 3	Evansville, Indiana	WAZE/WJPS/WIKY	17/4/5	The CW	October 15, 1983 (WAZE on Ch. 19); 1985 (WJPS); 2005 (WIKY); March 24, 2011 (LPTV	[911]

					simulcasts)	
June 30	Marion & Norton, Virginia	WMSY-TV/ WSBN-TV	47/52	PBS	March 30, 1971 (WSBN-TV); August 1, 1981 (WMSY-TV) (both satellites of WBRA-TV/Roanoke, Virginia)	[912]
October 10	Las Vegas, Nevada	KTUD-CD	25	IND	February 12, 1999	[276][277]

Deaths[edit]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
Jan. 1	Patti Page	85	Singer, songwriter, actress, and television personality (Credits include *Music Hall*, *United States Steel Hour*, *The Big Record* and *The Patti Page Show*)	[913]
	Barbara Werle	84	Actress (*McHale's Navy*, *Channing*, *Mister Roberts*, *Laredo*, *The Road West*, *Ironside*, *The Virginian* and *San Francisco International Airport*)	[914]
Jan. 2	Jim Boyd	79	Actor and puppeteer, known for his role of J. Arthur Crank and others in *The Electric Company*	[915]
	Ned Wertimer	89	Actor, best known as Ralph Hart on *The Jeffersons*	[916]
Jan. 4	Tony Lip	82	Actor (Carmine Lupertazzi on *The Sopranos*)	[917]
Jan.	Huell Howser	67	TV personality, narrator, voice actor, journalist (host	[918]

7			of *California's Gold* on KCET/Los Angeles; Weekend host/reporter for *Entertainment Tonight*; news reporter for WSM-TV/Nashville and WCBS-TV/New York City)	
Jan. 11	Jimmy O'Neill	72	American television/radio personality and actor (host of *Shindig!*)	[919]
Jan. 14	Conrad Bain	89	Actor (Arthur Harmon in *Maude*, Phillip Drummond in *Diff'rent Strokes*)	[920]
Jan. 17	Sophiya Haque	41	British singer, actress and television personality (*House of Anubis*)	[921]
Jan. 23	Susan Douglas Rubes	87	Actress (*Suspense*, *Robert Montgomery Presents*, *Guiding Light*, *Westinghouse Studio One*, *Street Legal Due South*)	[922]
Feb. 1	Ed Koch	88	Politician (Mayor of New York City 1979–88), TV/radio personality/host (judge on *The People's Court* and hosting *Saturday Night Live*)	[923]
	Robin Sachs	61	British actor (*Buffy The Vampire Slayer*)	[924]
Feb. 2	John Kerr	81	Actor (*Peyton Place*, *The F.B.I.*, *Police Story*)	[925]
	Chris Kyle	38	Decorated US Navy SEAL, author ("American Sniper", based on his experience as a sniper in the Iraq War) and reality television participant (*Stars Earn Stripes*)	[926]
Feb. 8	Elizabeth Alley	58	Actress (TV appearances include the recurring role of Melinda Fall in *Sunset Beach* and guest appearances on *Diagnosis: Murder*, *Frasier*, *V.I.P.*, *Days of Our Lives*)	[927]

Feb. 11	Mark Balelo	40	Businessman and reality television participant (*Storage Wars*)	[928]
Feb. 15	Pat Derby	69	Animal trainer and activist (Credits include *Flipper*, *Lassie*, *Daktari* and commercials featuring the Mercury pumas with Farrah Fawcett)	[929]
Feb. 17	Mindy McCready	37	Country singer and reality television participant (*Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew*)	[930]
Feb. 19	Lou Myers	76	Actor (Vernon Gaines on *A Different World*)	[931]
Feb. 27	Dale Robertson	89	Actor and director (Credits includes leading roles in *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *The Iron Horse*, *Death Valley Days* {co-host}, *Dynasty*, *J.J. Starbuck*)	[932]
Mar. 1	Bonnie Franklin	69	Actress and director (Ann Romano on *One Day at a Time*)	[933]
Mar. 5	Bill Moody	58	Wrestling and sport entertainment manager, promoter, businessman, and licensed mortician (Known to WWE fans as Paul Bearer and TNA as Percy Pringle III)	[934]
Mar. 14	Malachi Throne	84	Character actor (Notable roles include False Face in *Batman* and Noah Bain in *It Takes a Thief*)	[935]
Mar. 18	Henry Bromell	65	Writer and producer (*Northern Exposure*, *I'll Fly Away*, *Homicide: Life on the Street*, *Brotherhood*, *Rubicon*, *Homeland*)	[936]
Mar. 19	Lester Lewis	46	Comedy writer and producer (writing credits include *The Office*, *Caroline in the City*, *Baby Daddy*, *Jonas L.A.*, *The PJs*, *The Larry Sanders Show*)	[937]

	Lori March	90	Actress (*One Life to Live*, *The Edge of Night*, *Texas*, *Another Life*, *Another World*, *Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*)	[938]
Mar. 21	Robert Nichols	88	Actor (*My Little Margie*, *It's a Great Life*, *Navy Log*)	[939]
Mar. 24	Peter Duryea	73	Actor (*Dragnet*, *Family Affair*, appeared in the pilot episode of Star Trek, entitled *The Cage*)	[940]
Mar. 26	Don Payne	48	Screenwriter (*The Simpsons*, *Veronica's Closet*, *Hope and Gloria*)	[941]
Mar. 30	Phil Ramone	79	Record producer (won an Emmy Award for best sound editing for *Duke Ellington...We Love You Madly* in 1973)	[942]
Mar. 31	Helena Carroll	84	Actress (*General Hospital*, *Edge of Night*, *Loving Couples*, *Laverne and Shirley*, *Murder She Wrote*)	[943]
Apr. 2	Jane Henson	78	Puppeteer and widow of Jim Henson (*Sam and Friends*, *The Muppet Show*)	[944]
	Milo O'Shea	86	Character actor (*Cheers*, *The West Wing*)	[945]
Apr. 3	Jean Sincere	93	Actress (*Lux Video Theatre*, *Glee*, *iCarly*)	[946]
	William H. Ginsburg	70	Lawyer for Monica Lewinsky during her sexual scandal involving President Bill Clinton, who on February 1, 1998, became the first person to appear on five major Sunday morning talk shows on the same day: *This Week*, *Fox News Sunday*, *Face the Nation*, *Meet the Press*, and *Late Edition* on CNN, which would later become known as "The Full Ginsburg"	[947]
Apr. 4	Roger Ebert		Film critic, reviewer, historian, screenwriter, author and preservationist (co-creator of *Sneak*	[948]

			Previews on WTTW/Chicago and *At the Movies*, which had three runs: 1982–90, 1986–2010, and 2011–12)	
Apr. 8	Annette Funicello		Actress and singer (original Mouseketeer on *The Mickey Mouse Club*, *Make Room for Daddy*, *A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes: The Annette Funicello Story*, her last acting role, playing herself in present-day scenes)	[949]
Apr. 11	Jonathan Winters	87	Comedian and actor (*Davis Rules*, *Mork & Mindy*, *The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley*)	[950]
Apr. 13	Frank Bank	71	Actor (Lumpy Rutherford in *Leave It to Beaver* and *The New Leave It to Beaver*)	[951]
Apr. 14	Christine White	86	Actress (*Perry Mason*, *The Loretta Young Show*, *The Twilight Zone* and *Ichabod and Me*)	[952]
Apr. 16	Pat Summerall	82	Sportscaster and journalist with CBS and Fox Sports	[953]
Apr. 19	Allan Arbus	95	Actor (Dr. Sidney Freedman on *M*A*S*H*)	[954]
Apr. 20	Glenn Cannon	80	Actor (*Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *The Outer Limits*, *Combat!*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Jake and the Fatman*, *Lost*)	[955]
Apr. 25	Virginia Gibson	88	Dancer, singer and actress (*Studio 57*, *The Colgate Comedy Hour*, *The Johnny Carson Show*, *So This Is Hollywood*)	[956]
Apr. 26	George Jones	81	Country music singer (Notable appearances include *Hee Haw*, *That Good Old Nashville Music* and the 2008 Kennedy Center Honors)	[957]
	Jacqueline	82	Actress (*The Secret Storm*, *Another World*, *Lou*	[958]

	Brookes		*Grant*, *Ryan's Hope*, *Miami Vice*, *The Equalizer*, *Law & Order* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*)	
Apr. 28	Jack Shea	84	Director (*The Jeffersons*, *Designing Women*) and president of the Directors Guild of America, 1997–2002	[959]
May 1	Chris Kelly	34	Rapper, known as "Mac Daddy" of the duo Kris Kross (*In Living Color*, *A Different World* and *Rugrats*)	[960]
May 3	Mario Machado	78	Newscaster, actor, producer and sports announcer (Alumni of KNXT and KHJ/Los Angeles and voice of NASL and FIFA World Cup broadcasts)	[961]
May 8	Jeanne Cooper	84	Actress (Katherine Chancellor on *The Young and the Restless* since 1973, recurring regular on *L.A. Law*, playing alongside real-life son and series regular Corbin Bernsen)	[962]
May 9	Ron Weaver	75	Producer (*The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Sesame Street*)	[963]
May 10	Laurence Haddon	90	Actor (*Dr. Kildare*, *Dennis the Menace*, *Hazel*, *Barnaby Jones*, *Trapper John, M.D.*, *Lou Grant*, *Dallas*, *Knots Landing*)	[964]
May 13	Dr. Joyce Brothers	85	Psychologist and TV personality (hosted her own syndicated series; winner on *The $64,000 Question* for her knowledge on boxing; *Hollywood Squares*, etc.)	[965]
May 14	Brian Kahle	—	American news anchor and emcee (KHJ-TV/Los Angeles, *AM Buffalo* on WKBW-TV)	[966]
May 15	Linden Chiles	80	Character actor (*East Side/West Side*, *Perry Mason*, *The Virginian*, *The F.B.I.*, *Banacek*, *Cannon*, *The Streets of San Francisco*, *James at 16*)	[967]

May 17	Alan O'Day	72	Singer/songwriter (Composed and performed music for *Muppet Babies* and *Really Wild Animals*)	[968]
	Ken Venturi	82	Professional golfer (champion of the 1964 US Open) and analyst for PGA Tour on CBS	[969]
May 18	Steve Forrest	87	Actor (Lt. Dan "Hondo" Harrelson in *The Rookies* and its spin-off *S.W.A.T.*)	[970]
May 24	Ed Shaughnessy	84	Musician and jazz drummer (bandmember for *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*)	[971]
May 28	Don Oliver	76	Correspondent for NBC News	[972]
May 31	Jean Stapleton	90	Actress (Edith Bunker in *All in the Family* and its spin-off *Archie Bunker's Place*)	[973]
	Tim Samaras	55	A group of meteorologists and professional storm chasers known as TWISTEX in the Discovery Channel's show *Storm Chasers*	[974]
	Paul Samaras	24		
	Carl Young	45		
June 6	Maxine Stuart	94	Actress (*The Edge of Night*, *The Rousters*, and "The Eye of the Beholder" episode of *The Twilight Zone*)	[975]
June 19	James Gandolfini	51	Actor, producer and director (Tony Soprano in *The Sopranos*)	[976]
June 23	Gary David Goldberg	68	Writer/producer (*Family Ties*, *Brooklyn Bridge*, *Spin City*)	[977]

	Richard Matheson	87	Author and screenwriter (*Lawman*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *The Twilight Zone*, *The Martian Chronicles* miniseries)	[978]
July 1	Paul Jenkins	74	Actor (Professor Parks on *The Waltons*; *M*A*S*H*, *Columbo*, *Lou Grant*, *Dynasty*)	[979]
July 7	Joe Conley	85	Actor (storekeeper Ike Godsey in *The Waltons*)	[980]
July 13	Cory Monteith	31	Canadian actor (Finn Hudson on *Glee*; *The Simpsons*, *The Cleveland Show*, *Kyle XY*)	[981][982]
July 14	Dennis Burkley	67	Actor (*King of the Hill*, *Sanford*)	[983]
July 20	Helen Thomas	92	Journalist and author, member of The White House press corps since the Kennedy administration, and also an occasional contributor to Sunday morning talk shows	[984]
July 22	Dennis Farina	69	Actor, consultant, host (Detective Joe Fontana on *Law & Order*, Albert Lombard in *Miami Vice*, Detective Lt. Mike Torello on *Crime Story*, host of *Unsolved Mysteries*, Victor Pellet in *In-Laws*), and a member of Chicago Police Department's Burglary Division from 1968 to 1985	[985]
July 25	Mark Corwin	65	Game show director (*Wheel of Fortune*)	[986]
July 27	Kidd Kraddick	53	Radio and television personality, host of the syndicated *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning* radio show and contributor on *Dish Nation*	[987]
	Herb Kaplow	86	Journalist for NBC and ABC News	[988]

July 30	Eileen Brennan	80	Comedic actress (Capt. Doreen Lewis in both the film and television versions of *Private Benjamin*; *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, *Taxi*, *Newhart*, *Thirtysomething*, *Will & Grace*)	[989]
July 31	Michael Ansara	91	Syrian-born actor (*Law of the Plainsman*, *Broken Arrow*, *Star Trek*, *Batman: The Animated Series*)	[990]
Aug. 3	John Palmer	77	Reporter for *NBC Nightly News*, and host of *Today*, *NBC News at Sunrise*	[991]
Aug. 5	George Duke	67	Jazz and contemporary musician, composer, keyboardist and arranger (*Sunday Night* and appearing on *American Bandstand*, *Soul Train*)	[992]
Aug. 7	Marilyn King	82	Singer and actress, part of The King Sisters musical family that hosted their own variety series from 1965 to 1966 and again in 1969	[993]
Aug. 8	Karen Black	74	Actress, singer and songwriter (*Adam-12, Mannix*, *Judd, for the Defense*)	[994]
Aug. 10	Sean Sasser	44	Reality TV participant and LGBT rights activist (*The Real World: San Francisco*)	[995]
	Eydie Gormé	84	Singer and wife/partner of entertainer Steve Lawrence (*The Tonight Show*, *The Hollywood Palace*)	[996]
Aug. 11	Henry Polic II	68	Actor (Jerry Silver on *Webster*), voice actor (Scarecrow in *Batman: The Animated Series*) host (*Double Talk*)	[997]
Aug. 12	Gia Allemand	29	Reality TV participant, model, and dancer (season 14 of *The Bachelor* and *Bachelor Pad*)	[998]

Aug. 14	Lisa Robin Kelly	43	Actress (Laurie Forman on *That '70s Show*)	[999]
Aug. 19	Lee Thompson Young	29	Actor (Jett Jackson on *The Famous Jett Jackson*, Detective Barry Frost on *Rizzoli & Isles*)	[1,000]
Aug. 20	Ted Post	95	TV/film director (*Gunsmoke*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Peyton Place*)	[1,001]
	Elmore Leonard	87	Author (created the characters in the TV shows *Maximum Bob*, *Karen Sisco*, and *Justified*)	[1,002]
Aug. 24	Julie Harris		Actress (Lilimae Clements on *Knots Landing*; *Thicker than Water*, *The Family Holvak*)	[1,003]
Aug. 25	William Froug	91	Writer and producer (*The Twilight Zone*, *Gilligan's Island*, *Bewitched*)	[1,004]
Aug. 26	Bruce Dunning	73	Foreign correspondent for CBS News	[1,005]
Aug. 31	David Frost	74	British journalist and TV presenter (US work including *That Was the Week That Was*, *Inside Edition*, The Nixon Interviews)	[1,006]
Sep. 8	Cal Worthington	92	Car salesman/pitchman (known for his "My Dog Spot" commercials)	[1,007]
Sep. 10	John Hambrick	73	Anchor/reporter (work at WEWS-TV/Cleveland and WTVJ/Miami among other stations) and actor (*Playhouse 90*, *Friday Night Lights*)	[1,008]

Sep. 12	Ray Dolby	80	Audio engineer and founder of Dolby Laboratories, a popular manufacturer of home theater audio systems	[1,009]
Oct. 1	Tom Clancy	66	Author (created the characters in the TV movies *NetForce* and *Op-Center*)	[1,010]
Oct. 16	Ed Lauter	74	Character actor (*Mannix*, *Kojak*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Miami Vice*, *The X-Files*, *Law & Order*, *ER*, *Grey's Anatomy*)	[1,011]
Oct. 17	Lou Scheimer	84	Producer (co-founder of Filmation and producer of such animated series as *The Archie Show*, *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*, *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*)	[1,012]
Oct. 18	Mary Carver	89	Actress (Cecilia Simon on *Simon & Simon*)	[1,013]
Oct. 25	Marcia Wallace	70	Actress (Carol Kester on *The Bob Newhart Show*), voice actress (Edna Krabappel on *The Simpsons*), game show panelist (*Password*, *Hollywood Squares*)	[1,014]
Nov. 23	Jay Leggett	50	Actor/writer/producer (*In Living Color*, *ER*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Factory*)	[1,015]
Nov. 26	Jane Kean	90	Actress and singer (Trixie Norton in *The Honeymooners* segments of *The Jackie Gleason Show*)	[1,016]
	Tony Musante	77	Actor (*Toma* and *Oz*)	[1,017]
Nov. 28	Danny Wells	72	Actor (*The Jeffersons*, *The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!*)	[1,018]
	Brian Wood	64	Reporter on WNEM-TV/Flint/Tri-Cities from 1986 to 2013	[1,019]
Nov.	Paul Crouch	79	Broadcasting executive and TV evangelist/host, founder	[1,020]

30			of Trinity Broadcasting Network	
	Paul Walker	40	Actor (*Charles in Charge, Who's the Boss?*, *The Young and the Restless*)	[1,021]
Dec. 1	Christopher Evan Welch	48	Actor (*Rubicon*, *Law & Order*, *Elementary*)	[1,022]
Dec. 2	Bill Beckwith	38	Building contractor and TV personality (co-host of HGTV's *Curb Appeal*)	[1,023]
Dec. 6	Kate Williamson	82	Actress (Mrs. Rogers in *Ellen* and guest roles in *Life Goes On*, *Seinfeld*)	[1,024]
Dec. 8	Don Mitchell	70	Actor (Detective Mark Sanger on *Ironside*)	[1,025]
Dec. 12	Mac McGarry	87	TV personality (host of *It's Academic*)	[1,026]
	Tom Laughlin	82	Actor, producer, author and political activist (*Climax!* and *Riverboat*)	[1,027]
	Audrey Totter	95	Actress (*Medical Center*)	[1,028]
Dec. 14	Peter O'Toole	81	Irish producer, director, author, actor (*Heaven And Hell: North And South, Book III*, *Crossing to Freedom*, *Masada*)	[1,029]
Dec. 17	Richard Heffner	88	Public TV executive and personality (founder/GM of WNET/New York City; host of *The Open Mind*)	[1,030]
Dec. 26	Allan McKeown	67	English actor, producer and director (co-producer of *Tracey Takes On...* and *Tracey Ullman's State of the Union* with wife Tracey Ullman)	[1,031]

Dec. 31	James Avery	68	Actor (Philip Banks on *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, Alonzo Sparks on *Sparks*) and voice actor (Shredder on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*)	[1,032]

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2015 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television in 2015**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and rebrandings; stations changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about controversies and carriage disputes.

Events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event

1	Stations owned and operated by Cordillera Communications (10 in seven states) are removed from DirecTV lineups after the two companies fail to reach a retransmission agreement.[1]
3	The Carolina Panthers defeat the Arizona Cardinals in the first NFL playoff game to air on cable. The ESPN broadcast is simulcast over-the-air in Phoenix on KASW and Charlotte's WJZY per NFL rules.[2][3][4]
	Fox News Channel's *Huckabee* concludes its run, ending amid speculation that the show's titular host, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, was considering a run for political office.[5] The speculation would come to fruition on May 5, when Huckabee announces his candidacy for US President in 2016.[6]
5	At the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Dish Network introduces Sling TV, a service that offers streaming of cable channels via the Internet for as little as $20. Networks owned by The Walt Disney Company (ABC Family, Disney Channel, ESPN, ESPN2), Time Warner's Turner Broadcasting System (Adult Swim/Cartoon Network, CNN, TBS, TNT) and Scripps Networks Interactive (Food Network, HGTV, Travel Channel) are among those included in the lineup.[7]
12	Ohio State defeats Oregon in the first College Football Playoff National Championship. ESPN's broadcast of the game attracts 33.4 million viewers, which is the largest audience in cable television history and tops the previous records set by ESPN's broadcasts of the CFP semifinals on January 1, when OSU beat Alabama in the Sugar Bowl (28.27 million viewers) and UO beat Florida State in the Rose Bowl (28.16 million viewers).[8]
13	Nearly three years after being removed from her role as *Today* co-host, Ann Curry announces she is leaving NBC News altogether to develop a new company that will deliver news content to various platforms, including NBCUniversal, who will fund the startup.[9]
	ABC affiliate KDNL-TV/St. Louis debuts a locally originated news programming for the first time in a year with *The Allman Report*; hosted by KFTK talk radio host and former KMOV reporter Jamie Allman. The newscasts, airing twice nightly (5PM and 10PM), will employ a non-traditional, "debate-driven" (KDNL's description) format.[10]
14	TVGN, the CBS/Lions Gate-owned entertainment network, rebrands as Pop.[11]

15	Discovery Fit & Health rebrands as Discovery Life Channel.[12]
	KCRG/Cedar Rapids, eastern Iowa's ABC affiliate owned locally by The Gazette Company, is removed from DirecTV in the region due to a retransmission dispute.[13]
17	On four separate occasions, Fox News Channel offers retractions on inaccurate reports made throughout the week regarding Muslims in Europe, primarily locations in England and France avoided by non-Muslims because Islamic law supposedly supersedes the local laws. "There is no formal designation of these zones in either country, and no credible information to support the assertion there are specific areas in these countries that exclude individuals based solely on their religion", anchor Julie Banderas said during one of the on-air apologies.[14] Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo later announced her intention to sue the network because her city was "insulted" by being mentioned as one with "no-go zones."[15]
	Greg Anthony, lead college basketball analyst for CBS Sports and Turner Sports, is placed on indefinite suspension by both entities following his January 16 arrest in Washington, D.C. on charges of soliciting prostitution.[16]
18	CBS and the National Football League announce that the network will again produce for the full season and carry half of the NFL Network's *Thursday Night Football* rights package on the CBS broadcast network in a simulcast arrangement during the 2015 NFL season.[17]
19	*TV Guide* pays tribute to those lost in the January 7 terror attack at the Paris, France offices of *Charlie Hebdo* with the inclusion of the "Je suis Charlie" button (French for "I am Charlie") next to its logo on the front cover.[18]
	Boomerang is relaunched as part of a global rebranding effort and will air original programming for the first time; the relaunched channel will still have archived programs but with an increased emphasis on the archive's most popular brands and an explicitly family-friendly approach, in the hopes that Boomerang can become a "second flagship" on par with the main Cartoon Network channel.[19]
20	Justice Network makes its debut. The digital subchannel, launching primarily on Gannett Broadcasting-owned stations, focuses on true crime and criminal justice programming.[20]
21	Educational Media Foundation announces a video streaming service based around its K-

	Love Christian contemporary music radio format and brand.[21]
23	During the 6 p.m. newscast on WTVD/Durham, anchor Larry Stogner announces he has Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and is leaving the ABC owned-and-operated station where he had worked since 1976.[22]
25	The 63rd edition of the Miss Universe pageant is held at the FIU Arena at Florida International University in Miami with contestants representing 88 countries and territories around the world and broadcast on NBC and Telemundo. Originally scheduled to be held in 2014, it was confirmed by the Miss Universe Organization via a tweet by Doral, Florida mayor Luigi Boria on Twitter that the pageant would be held on January 18, 2015 (a week prior to the broadcast), leading to some controversy among pageant fans and resulting it to be slipped into 2015, making it the first time that the pageant skipped a year. Paulina Vega of Colombia wins the title.[*citation needed*]
26	Music Choice and Cumulus Media launch a video-on-demand subdivision for Cumulus's Nash FM radio branding called Nash TV.[23]
	ABC affiliate KAIT in Jonesboro, Arkansas begins broadcasting NBC on its DT2 subchannel, giving the Jonesboro market its first locally based NBC affiliate.[24]
28	VH1 Classic commemorates *Saturday Night Live's* 40th anniversary by launching a marathon of almost every episode from *SNL's* first 39 seasons in reverse order, running through February 15, when NBC will air its three-hour *SNL* celebration special. At 19 days (or 433 hours), the marathon will surpass by one week FXX's 12-day record marathon of *The Simpsons* episodes in August 2014.[25]

February[edit]

Date	Event
1	NBC's broadcast of Super Bowl XLIX, in which the New England Patriots beat the defending NFL champion Seattle Seahawks, attracts 114.4 million viewers, topping by 2.2 million the previous record set one year earlier by Super Bowl XLVIII. The broadcast peaks at 120.8 million late in the close game. The game's halftime show, headlined by Katy Perry and guest performers Lenny Kravitz and Missy Elliott, also sets a viewership record.[26]

	Coinciding with its Spanish language broadcast of Super Bowl XLIX, NBCUniversal-owned mun2 rebrands as NBC Universo.[27]
	A house fire near its transmitter substation is the believed contributor to three separate signal outages at WPSD-TV/Paducah, Kentucky during its broadcast of the Super Bowl.[28]
2	Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive lineman Warren Sapp is removed from his role as commentator for NFL Network, hours after his arrest on charges of soliciting prostitution and assault in Phoenix, Arizona following the Super Bowl, which Sapp covered for the network.[29]
	Inside Edition becomes the first American news program to employ a transgender reporter, adding Zoey Tur (the former "Chopper Bob" Tur) to their reporting staff for February.[30]
2–5	One night after a special live Sunday night broadcast from Phoenix (to coincide with NBC's Super Bowl coverage), *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* begins a four-day stay at Universal Studios Hollywood, marking the New York-based *Tonight's* first visit to the Los Angeles area since Fallon took over hosting duties from Jay Leno one year earlier. *Tonight* had been based in Burbank for 42 years until Leno's retirement from the show.[31] The shows include a reunion of the cast of *Saved by the Bell* (excluding Dustin Diamond and Lark Voorhies), who reprised their roles for a brief sketch, their first time in 21 years.[32]
4	Raycom Media NBC affiliate KCBD/Lubbock, Texas evacuates their studios after a small plane crashes into the station's tower which is located on the same campus as their studio facilities, taking down half the transmitting tower and the station off the air in the process. Power lines were also damaged in the crash, and one person, a local doctor listed as a co-owner of the aircraft, was killed in the crash.[33]
	NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams apologizes for incorrectly stating on numerous occasions that he had been aboard a helicopter shot down by enemy fire while covering the Invasion of Iraq in 2003. In his statement during this evening's broadcast, Williams admitted that he had instead been in a following helicopter and his version of the story was an attempt to show his appreciation for veterans.[34] NBC launches an investigation into the matter, meanwhile stories Williams had told regarding what he witnessed during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 further call his credibility into question. On February 7, Williams announced that he will step aside as anchor until the investigation is completed. Lester Holt will take Williams' place until his return.[35] He also cancels a February 12 appearance on *Late Show with David Letterman*, itself a subject of controversy because of a 2013 appearance by Williams in which he mentioned the events that he is under fire for.[36] On February 10, NBC

	News released a statement which confirms Williams' suspension from the network without pay for six months.[37]
6	Just five months after returning as a co-host, Rosie O'Donnell announces that she will leave *The View* due to personal problems. Her last day on the show was February 13.[38]
8	The 57th Annual Grammy Awards air on CBS.[39] The event saw British singer Sam Smith taking home four awards,[40] Kristen Wiig joining Maddie Ziegler in a performance of Sia's "Chandelier" (thanks to Wiig's parody of the song's video on *Saturday Night Live*),[41] and Kanye West almost ruining Beck's speech after he won for Best Album.[42] The event featured a serious PSA message from President Barack Obama, in which he spoke about domestic violence against women, and was followed by a plea from domestic violence advocate Brooke Axtell and singer Katy Perry performing her ballad "By the Grace of God" as a dedication to the victims of the crime.[43]
10	San Diego CBS affiliate KFMB-TV's Sports Director Kyle Kraska is hospitalized after he is shot twice near his home. The suspect, a housepainter Kraska had a dispute with, is captured hours later.[44]
11	Victoria Rowell, former star of *The Young and the Restless* (created by William J. Bell and Lee Phillip Bell, who also create *The Bold and the Beautiful*), sues CBS and Sony Pictures Television on charges of racial discrimination after she spoke out about a lack of African Americans on soap operas, which led to her contract not being renewed.[45]
	Just two weeks before its scheduled premiere, ten of the thirteen episodes of the third season of Netflix's thriller series *House of Cards* were released for streaming. Within minutes the episodes were taken down.[46]
13	Home shopping channel ShopHQ, the former ShopNBC, rebrands for the second time in a matter of years, becoming EVINE Live.[47][48]
15	NBC celebrated *Saturday Night Live's* 40th anniversary with a live four and a half-hour event that included a red carpet pre-show followed by a live three and half hour show featuring more than 109 guest stars, a first ever mash-up of classic sketches, a *SNL Weekend Update* gathering of former anchors Jane Curtin, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, and for the first time since leaving the series in 1985, Eddie Murphy made his brief return.[49][50][51] This special became NBC's most-watched prime-time entertainment telecast since the *ER* season finale in

	2004.[52]
16	ESPN confirms its coverage of the Duke-North Carolina men's basketball game two days later will not include commentator Dick Vitale for the first time in the network's 35-year history. Jay Bilas will take his role alongside Dan Shulman, while Vitale works a game between the undefeated Kentucky Wildcats and Tennessee Volunteers.[53]
18	Vanilla Ice is arrested in Lantana, Florida for burglary and theft tied to items that were stolen from a home that was located next door to a home he was renovating during an episode of his DIY Network program *The Vanilla Ice Project*.[54]
	Just two days after appearing on the *Saturday Night Live 40th Anniversary Special*, Norm MacDonald reveals through a series of tweets that Eddie Murphy backed out of the *Celebrity Jeopardy* sketch because he felt uncomfortable impersonating Bill Cosby (whom Murphy had done during his stint with *SNL*), resulting in Kenan Thompson replacing Murphy at the last moment. Cosby would later tweet his thanks to Murphy for not doing the impersonation.[55]
19	For the first time since the death of her mother Joan in 2014, Melissa Rivers returns to the front of the camera as a correspondent for *Entertainment Tonight*, where she will do special interviews for the series while continuing as producer on E!'s *Fashion Police*.[56]
	A report by *Mother Jones* challenges claims made by Bill O'Reilly about his reporting on the Falklands War for CBS News in 1982, particularly that he had to rescue his cameraman from unrest in the streets of Buenos Aires after Argentina surrendered to the United Kingdom, and that several deaths occurred during the post-war protest. O'Reilly later denounces the report and its author, David Corn, on *The O'Reilly Factor*. Meanwhile, Eric Engberg, who also covered the Falklands conflict for CBS, posted on Facebook that he knew nothing of a cameraman being injured in Buenos Aires or that the protest had even gotten out of hand.[57] Further allegations that O'Reilly fabricated stories surface in the following days, with claims that he did not witness the suicide of George de Mohrenschildt or the execution of nuns in El Salvador as he has stated in the past.[58][59]
	In response to the death of actress Carol Ann Susi in November 2014, her recurring character on *The Big Bang Theory*, Debbie Wolowitz, dies as well, with the main characters toasting her in the final scene of this night's episode.[60]
22	The 87th Academy Awards air on ABC, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris.[61]

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March[edit]

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2	CBS Television Distribution and Judge Judith Sheindlin extend their contract for her courtroom show *Judge Judy* for three seasons, adding to her current contract (which was set to expire after the 2016–17 season), meaning it will be on the air until at least the spring of 2020. The new contract also includes a second season renewal for her executive-produced judge panel show *Hot Bench*.[71]
3	Oprah Winfrey announces that Harpo Productions will be folded into her OWN cable channel, which will result in the closing of Harpo Studios, the Chicago facility where *The Oprah Winfrey Show* taped from 1990 to its end in 2011. OWN's original shows will begin taping at their West Hollywood studios starting in 2016.[72]
4	An episode of TBS' *Conan* features segments in which host Conan O'Brien visits Havana, Cuba. It is the first time an American late-night series has filmed in Cuba since Jack Paar interviewed Fidel Castro on *The Tonight Show* in 1959.[73]
10	For the second time in 13 months, The Weather Channel is removed by a major television provider. Verizon FiOS dropped TWC and sister network Weatherscan at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time (replaced by AccuWeather Network, which launched on that date, as well as a widget with weather content provided by WeatherBug), after the two parties were unable to come to terms on a new carriage agreement. Verizon (downplaying claims that the removal resulted from a carriage dispute between it and TWC) cited consumer use of the internet and mobile apps to receive weather forecasts as the reason behind the removal.[74][75] In response, The Weather Channel released a statement citing its live, real-time coverage of severe weather events as an integral part of its programming, and urged FiOS subscribers to urge the provider to restore the channel.[76][77]
12	Dr. Nancy Snyderman leaves NBC News as a result of controversy stemming after she was caught violating the terms of a self-imposed quarantine after being potentially exposed to the Ebola virus, in which she was spotted outside the restricted area in New Jersey in October 2014, a precaution she and other staffers took after an NBC News freelance cameraman contracted the disease while Snyderman and a team were in Liberia.[78]
	Univision fires Rodner Figueroa (a fashion correspondent and co-host of the Spanish-language network's entertainment newsmagazine *Sal y Pimienta*) after remarking on the previous day's edition of *El Gordo y la Flaca* that Michelle Obama looked "like she's part of the cast of *Planet of the Apes*" while the First Lady's image was shown side-by-side with that of Paolo Ballesteros (who became viral earlier in the year for his transformations into various female celebrities) during a live segment about the make-up artist. In a statement, Figueroa stated the comment was not meant to be racist, instead a reference to the job Ballesteros had done to make himself into Mrs. Obama, and claimed he was let go after The White

	House complained to Univision, a claim that a Univision executive denied.[79][80]
	After appearing in only seven shows, Kathy Griffin announces that she has decided to leave E!'s *Fashion Police*, citing that her brand of humor was not the perfect fit for the program and that she did not want to duplicate the formula of her best friend and predecessor Joan Rivers.[81] On March 17, E! announced that it was placing *Fashion Police* on hiatus until September.[82]
14	One night before a HBO documentary series, *The Jinx*, airs its final episode, the subject of that show, Robert Durst, is arrested in New Orleans as part of the investigation of the 2000 death of family friend Susan Berman, which is profiled in the series along with two other deaths, including the unsolved disappearance and murder of Durst's wife. Though Durst has maintained his innocence, *The Jinx*'s finale features audio of Durst (recorded following an interview for the series while Durst's microphone was still turned on) that appears to implicate himself in the deaths.[83][84]
23	The National Football League announces a suspension of its decades-long blackout policy, allowing games that do not sell out in the 2015 season to air in the game site's market.[85]
	The FCC levies a $325,000 fine against CBS affiliate WDBJ/Roanoke, Virginia for airing sexually explicit material outside of the designated safe harbor period (between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.). The fine, the largest ever against a television station for a one-time instance of indecent content, was for a July 2012 report opening a 6:00 p.m. newscast about a former porn actress who became a volunteer EMT for a Roanoke area rescue squad; the report featured a brief image from an adult website showing the subject of the report (who was neither nude nor engaged in a sexual act), which featured a video clip of a hand stroking a penis that seemed to be in the safe area of the editing suite while the story was being packaged, but was visible on-screen when actually broadcast. WDBJ's owner Schurz Communications plans to challenge the fine, contending the images were fleeting (only three seconds in length) and small enough to not be visible for many viewers.[86][87]
	After three months of guest hosts in the wake of Craig Ferguson's departure from *The Late Late Show*, James Corden takes over as the CBS late-night talk show's permanent new host. Tom Hanks and Mila Kunis are Corden's inaugural guests.[88]

April[edit]

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1	E. W. Scripps Company and Journal Communications consummate the concurring mergers of their respective media properties, with Journal's television and radio assets (with the exception of Fox affiliate KNIN-TV/Caldwell, Idaho and radio station KFTI-FM/Wichita, Kansas, which were sold to other companies) becoming part of the Cincinnati-based Scripps' existing broadcasting portfolio (Scripps' print assets were transferred to a separate company, the Milwaukee-based Journal Media Group, which includes the pre-merger Journal's existing newspaper and magazine properties).[89]
	As part of the show's annual April Fool's Day gag, Bob Barker hosts the first segment of *The Price Is Right*. Barker, who hosted the show from 1972 to 2007, ceded hosting duties to current host Drew Carey for the remainder of the show.[90]
2	Just three days after it was announced that the project had begun production, Will Ferrell announced that a Lifetime movie that he and producer Gary Sanchez had been working on, *A Deadly Adoption*, was scrapped after details of the project were leaked to the press. Rumored to be an April Fools' Day prank, a teaser would be unveiled on June 11; the actual movie aired on June 20. The television film stars Ferrell and Kristen Wiig as a couple whose plans to adopt a young woman's unborn child takes a tragic turn, which coincided with Lifetime's 25th anniversary of producing original made-for-cable movies (the story reportedly includes tongue-in-cheek nods to classic Lifetime movies).[91]
3	Two Los Angeles-based talent agencies, United Talent Agency and Creative Artists Agency, take their dispute that resulted in UTA luring away 10 talent representatives and their clients (including television actresses Mindy Kaling and Melissa McCarthy) to court, as CAA files a lawsuit accusing UTA of enlisting two CAA agents to help induce their fellow employees to terminate their employment with CAA so they can join UTA, citing a breach of contract and a deliberate attempt to interfere with CAA's relationship with its clients.[92]
6	ABC affiliate WICD/Champaign, Illinois discontinued its weeknight 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. newscasts, replacing them with simulcasts from Springfield sister station WICS (both are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group, with WICD serving as a semi-satellite of WICS), that would feature news coverage focused on the entire Springfield-Champaign-Decatur market. Although WICD will no longer carry its own newscasts, the station will simultaneously begin producing an hour-long 9:00 p.m. newscast for Fox-affiliated sister station WCCU-TV, that will be separate from an existing prime time newscast on that station's Springfield-based parent WRSP-TV (both operated by Sinclair through GOCOM Media).[93][94]
	CBS televised the 2015 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship Game, in which the Duke Blue Devils defeated the Wisconsin Badgers in Indianapolis. The 2015 Championship Game marked the end of a 34-year streak of consecutive telecasts of the

	game for CBS Sports. The 2016 edition, as part of a deal between CBS and Turner that began in 2011, will be on TBS. Through 2024, subsequent championship games in even-numbered years are scheduled to be on TBS, with CBS retaining the game in odd-numbered years.[95][96]
7	Coinciding with the fifth-season premiere of *Game of Thrones* airing five days later on April 12, HBO launches HBO Now, an over-the-top subscription video on demand service featuring original programming and feature film content from the Time Warner-owned premium channel. The service, which does not require a subscription to the linear HBO channel through a conventional pay television provider (differing from the similar TV Everywhere service HBO Go), was initially made available for purchase through Apple (which unveiled the service at a press event on March 9) and Cablevision's Optimum TV service.[97][98][99][100]
8	A series of DirecTV advertisements featuring actor and spokesperson Rob Lowe as himself and various alter-egos is removed as planned for a new campaign featuring model Hannah Davis, but not before the National Advertising Division, following up on a complaint made by Comcast, finds DirecTV's claims about customer satisfaction, quality and ranking in the Lowe series of ads are not true.[101]
13	Citing his film and primetime TV workload, Terry Crews announces he will step down as *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* host after one season. Chris Harrison will succeed Crews in September.[102]
	WCIA/Champaign anchor Dave Benton announces he will leave the position to continue his treatment for terminal brain cancer, which he first disclosed to viewers in September 2014.[103] Benton later died on May 26 at the age of 52.[104]
15	The digital subchannel network Laff commences programming. Owned by Katz Broadcasting and consisting of sitcoms and comedic films, Laff launches primarily on stations owned by ABC and E. W. Scripps Company.[105]
16	ESPN suspends reporter Britt McHenry for one week after an incident that was caught on video in which she berated a towing company employee after her car was towed from a lot in suburban Washington, D.C. The video featured McHenry using profanity and insults towards the woman who was about to tow the car. McHenry has since apologized for her actions.[106]
17	The syndicated morning program *The Daily Buzz* is abruptly canceled without notice after a

	12½-year run. Based in Orlando and airing mainly on independent or CW- or MyNetworkTV-affiliated stations, *Buzz*'s demise comes after a financial backer of the show's producers, Mojo Brands Media, pulls their funding for the company.[107]
18	Fox Sports announces the addition of Pete Rose to its Major League Baseball broadcasting team as a guest analyst, over 25 years after the all-time leader in hits (with 4,259) received a lifetime ban from the sport for betting on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds.[108]
20	Netflix announces it has ordered 13 episodes of an original series titled *Fuller House*, which will be a sequel of *Full House*, with several members of the original cast reprising their roles.[109]
23	Just one year after announcing what would have become the largest cable operator in the United States, only to face increasing opposition from federal regulators, members of the U.S. House and Senate, and media watchdog groups, Comcast withdraws its plans to acquire Time Warner Cable, whose deal would have faced more scrutiny after regulators were to take the companies' proposed plans that were called into question to a judge before a decision could have been made.[110]
	Hours after the news was leaked out in the upcoming edition of *Entertainment Weekly* to some subscribers of the magazine who receive it early, Patrick Dempsey confirmed that his character on *Grey's Anatomy*, Derek Shepherd, will die from a car accident and his wife Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) will take him off life support in the episode "How to Save a Life", which aired on this date. The news also coincides with Dempsey's decision to leave the series after eleven seasons despite having signed on for a 12th.[111]
	Gray Television reaches a deal to purchase WAGM-TV, the CBS and Fox affiliate in Presque Isle, Maine, from NEPSK for $10.25 million.[112]
24	In a two-hour *20/20* interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer that attracts nearly 17 million viewers, Bruce Jenner confirms nearly 2 years of speculation (after his divorce from third wife Kris Jenner) that he identifies as and has started transitioning to a woman, the last interview Jenner will do as a male during the transition.[113] On April 25, E! announces that an eight-part documentary-reality series (*I Am Cait*) that will follow the now-rechristened Caitlyn Jenner's life as a transgender person will debut July 26.[114]
26	The 42nd Daytime Emmy Awards ceremonies are held, with *The Young and the Restless* and *Days of Our Lives* sharing Outstanding Drama Series honors, the 2nd time in

	history two dramas shared the honor.[115] The ceremony airs on Pop, marking a return to conventional TV for the Daytime Emmys (the 2014 ceremony aired online-only).[116][117]
27	ESPN sues Verizon for breach of contract after they "unbundled" its channels by placing them into a different package than previously agreed upon.[118]
	Local media outlets in the Baltimore market and the major cable news outlets air live coverage of the riots that breaks out hours after the funeral of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old male who died of suspicious spinal cord and neck injuries while in police custody after being arrested for possession of what was suspected to be an illegal knife that later turned out was legal under Maryland state law, which lead to six Baltimore Police Department officers being placed on paid suspension (and were later charged with second degree murder and manslaughter charges upon review of an investigation), which forces the move of network primetime to digital subchannels on WMAR, WBAL, WJZ and WBFF for breaking news coverage.[119] At least 34 people were arrested, and 15 officers were injured.[120][121] The riots also results in the postponement of two Chicago White Sox–Baltimore Orioles games to a May 28 doubleheader (the first due to safety concerns, the second additionally due to an additional 10 p.m. ET curfew), with a third on April 29 being played during the day in an empty stadium setting at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, though still televised in the Baltimore and Chicago markets, a first ever in Major League Baseball's 145-year history.[122]

May[edit]

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1	Citing "the new realities of television viewing and philanthropic giving," the Muscular Dystrophy Association announces it will no longer produce its annual telethon, concentrating instead on digital and mobile fundraising platforms. Famously hosted through 2010 by Jerry Lewis, the MDA telethon had aired each Labor Day weekend since 1966.[123][124]
2	For the first time since 2002, Showtime and HBO team up to co-produce a pay-per-view boxing broadcast, Floyd Mayweather's 12-round unanimous decision over Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas (the fighters are under separate contracts with the broadcasters, Mayweather with Showtime, Pacquiao with HBO).[125] Highly anticipated and financially lucrative (the HD broadcast cost $99.95), the start of the fight is delayed by about 45 minutes as last-minute buys overwhelm cable and satellite systems.[126]
5	A&E announces it is pulling the reality series *8 Minutes* from its schedule with no plans to air three remaining episodes from its first season, effectively cancelling the show.[127] Producers

	of the series, in which pastor and former police officer Kevin Brown sets up sessions with prostitutes only to use the time to persuade them to abandon the profession, had received withering criticism in features by *On the Media* and BuzzFeed for failing to follow up with the show's subjects or provide them with promised services.[128][129]
6	KTMF/Missoula news director Kalee Scolatti and a family acquaintance are shot and killed in an incident at Scolatti's home. The assailant, later identified as Scolatti's estranged husband, Nicholas, turns the gun on himself and dies in a Missoula hospital on May 8.[130]
7	MyNetworkTV affiliate KLAF-LD in Lafayette, Louisiana announces it will become a NBC affiliate on July 1, giving the Lafayette market its first NBC affiliate since 1975 (when KLNI shut down). Prior to the announcement, cable systems in the market imported KPLC from Lake Charles, KALB-TV from Alexandria, and/or sister station WVLA-TV from Baton Rouge for NBC programming. It is also announced KLAF-LD's former affiliation with MyNetworkTV will move to a new DT3 subchannel of sister station and Fox affiliate KADN-TV on the same date.[131]
12	At an upfront presentation held at Lincoln Center, NBCUniversal Hispanic Group announces the formation of NBC Deportes, a sports division that will produce event, analysis and magazine content for Spanish-language networks Telemundo (whose Deportes Telemundo unit was restructured into the new division) and NBC Universo. The unit will be headed by NBC Sports Group chairman Mark Lazarus.[132][133]
13	Hearst Television announces its intentions to sell Hawaii ABC affiliate KITV/Honolulu and its satellites (KHVO/Hilo and KMAU/Wailuku) to SJL Broadcast Management. The purchase marks the return of SJL to Hawaii. As Montecito Broadcast Group, the company formerly owned KHON-TV from 2006 until 2007.[134]
	Just two days after Fox announces that the show's 15th season in 2016 will be its last,[135] Nick Fradiani is crowned the 14th season winner of *American Idol*.[136]
	Harry Shearer announces he will depart from the voice cast of *The Simpsons* due to a contract dispute.[137] The dispute would be resolved by July 7, when Fox announces Shearer had accepted a new 2-year deal (with the same terms as his fellow cast members) to remain with the show and continue to provide the voice of Ned Flanders, Mr. Burns, and several other notable characters.[138]
15–	For the first time since its inception in 1963, ABC's soap opera *General Hospital* airs live

18	episodes for two days (Friday, May 15 and Monday, May 18), becoming the first American daytime soap opera to do so in 40 years since *As the World Turns* and *The Edge of Night*, both of which were transitioned to being taped from live broadcasts.[139]
17	During a telecast of *This Week*, host George Stephanopoulos admitted to having contributed to the Clinton Foundation after reports surfaced that he failed to disclose a $75,000 contribution he made to the organization, leading to a conflict of interest that arose after he interviewed Peter Schweizer, the author of "Clinton Cash", which detailed allegations and conflicts involving Clinton Foundation donors, during an April 26 broadcast. As a result of the revelation and admission, Stephanopoulos removed himself from moderating the Republican presidential primary debate in February. ABC has a policy that bars reporters from contributing to political groups, except for charities, such as the Clinton Foundation.[140][141]
	The 2015 Billboard Music Awards (which premiered the TV cut of Taylor Swift's music video for "Bad Blood" at the start of the broadcast) breaks its own record for having the most viewers tuning in with 11.1 million, a jump of 6% from the 2014 telecast (its highest since the 2003 telecast) and 4% overall among its annual broadcast in its 14-year history.[142]
	Tom Bergeron ends his run as host of *America's Funniest Home Videos* after fifteen seasons (the longest hosting tenure to date in the 25-year history of the ABC series). The 25th-season finale, which was taped at Disneyland as part of the show's annual "Grand Prize Spectacular", closed with Bergeron being carted off the set by original host Bob Saget. On May 19 (formally announced during an appearance on the season finale of *Dancing with the Stars*, which Bergeron will continue to host), Alfonso Ribeiro was named the new host of *AFV*, starting with the 26th season in September.[143][144]
18	The ABC reality dating series *The Bachelorette* opens its 11th season with two female contestants (both of whom competed in season 19 of parent series *The Bachelor*) vying to become the sole courter of 25 male participants.[145][146] In the second episode of the two-part premiere (on May 19), Kaitlyn Bristowe was named the season's sole Bachelorette over Britt Nilsson in a majority vote by 24 of the suitors (a 25th was eliminated prior to the vote announcement due to alcohol-induced inappropriate conduct with Bristowe and some of the male contestants). This marked the first such selection by vote in the history of the series and the second in the *Bachelor* franchise overall (Byron Velvick was selected over Jay Overby by contestant vote in season 6 of *The Bachelor*).[147][148]
19	Rumer Willis is crowned the 20th season winner of *Dancing with the Stars*.[149]
20	Gray Television announces that it plans to acquire KOSA-TV, the CBS affiliate in Odessa,

	Texas, from Investment Company of America for $33.6 million.[150]
	With retrospective clip packages, cameo appearances by former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush plus incumbent Barack Obama, a Top Ten List read by frequent guests (among them the previous night's guest, Bill Murray), and a closing performance by Foo Fighters, David Letterman hosts CBS' *Late Show* for the final time, retiring after a record 33 years as a late night host (22 at *Late Show*, 11 before that at NBC's *Late Night*).[151]
21	TLC suspends broadcasts of the series *19 Kids and Counting* in the wake of revelations against Josh Duggar, the oldest child of the 19-child family. The revelations allege that Duggar, as a teenager, engaged in unspecified inappropriate acts of incest with his sisters and others;[152] he would later also be outed as an adulterer after his account on Ashley Madison was exposed in the Ashley Madison data breach. The Duggar family and TLC mutually agree to end the series permanently on July 16.[153]
	The American version of Red Nose Day makes its inaugural debut. The charity event, organized by Comic Relief, Inc. and broadcast on NBC featuring performances, sketches, features and appeal films from various celebrities and music artists, raised over $21 million to help lift children and young people out of poverty.[154] It also became the most social charity special of the 2014–15 season with more than 149,000 tweets and set a viewership record of 3.194 million overall.[155]
22	CBS reveals that copies of *Supergirl*'s pilot episode were leaked to unauthorized and pirated websites ahead of the series' November debut. An estimated 192,000 illegal downloads took place, mainly from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia.[156]
25	After a four-month "soft launch" of series marathons for early affiliates, Decades makes its formal debut. A digital subchannel network co-owned by CBS Television Stations and Weigel Broadcasting, Decades features classic TV shows and movies as well as original content, highlighting on a particular year or decade each day.[157][158]
26	One month after Comcast ends its purchase attempt of Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications announces it will purchase TWC in a $56.7 billion deal, pending FCC approval. Charter would also continue its plan to acquire Bright House Networks, which is controlled by the Time Warner/Advance Newhouse Parternship, in a separate deal.[159] In relation to its TWC deal, Charter announced plans to offer TWC-owned SportsNet LA, the Los Angeles Dodgers' exclusive TV home, to its existing customers in Southern California. It had been available only to TWC customers, as Charter and other

	pay television providers had previously balked at TWC's per-subscriber fee for the channel.[160]
29	Live Well Network, a lifestyle digital subchannel network owned by ABC Owned Television Stations which had ended most operations on April 15, ends all national distribution, as Media General removes the network from their stations at the close of business on this day, though it continues to air in markets with an ABC owned-and-operated station.[161][162][163]
31	Bob Schieffer moderates *Face the Nation* for the final time, retiring after a 24-year run as the CBS News program's host and a 46-year tenure with the network.[164] John Dickerson became *Face*'s host on June 7.[165]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	Buzzr debuts as a digital subchannel network, airing primarily on Fox-owned stations. Owned by FremantleMedia and based on the YouTube channel of the same name, the network features content from Fremantle's library of classic game shows (including the extensive Goodson–Todman Productions library that had previously served as the core of the Game Show Network lineup).[166][167]
	TBN Salsa, a faith-based, family-oriented digital subchannel network targeting English-speaking Hispanics, launches. Owned by the Trinity Broadcasting Network, TBN Salsa replaced either JUCE TV or Smile of a Child TV on the third or fifth subchannel, depending on the market, of TBN's 38 stations. The latter two networks were combined into a single subchannel over-the-air, with Smile airing a reduced lineup of programming in the mornings and early-afternoons, though both services will maintain separate 24-hour schedules via TBN's streaming services on its website, along with the network's mobile and digital media player apps.[168]
	KJNB-LD in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas signs on the air as an affiliate of Fox, giving the Jonesboro market its first locally based Fox affiliate. Despite being licensed as a low-powered television station, Waypoint Media, the owners of KJNB-LD, secured the affiliation agreement with Fox by promising to provide coverage of at least 93% of the market through its over-the-air signal and through distribution on local cable and satellite providers.[169]
3	After five seasons as a regular, Kim Richards departs the Bravo reality series *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* to seek rehabilitation for alcoholism. Although she would no

	longer serve as a full-time cast member, conflicting reports suggest the possibility of Richards making special appearances in future episodes.[170]
	In a *Wall Street Journal* report, Dish Network is stated to be in negotiations to merge with mobile telephone provider T-Mobile. Under the terms of the proposed deal, Dish chief executive officer Charlie Ergen would be named chairman of the combined company, with T-Mobile CEO John Legere as its CEO.[171]
4	In an interview on *The Howard Stern Show*, Jason Alexander makes a surprise admission: While he was a regular on *Seinfeld* in the 1990s, he, along with co-stars Jerry Seinfeld and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, were behind the idea to have his character George Constanza's fiancée Susan Ross (played by Heidi Swedberg) killed off because he felt the chemistry between the main cast and Swedberg did not work well on camera. Alexander and the former cast would later apologize to Swedberg after making that comment saying she was a great person to work with.[172]
6	The 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup commences play. The tournament, which runs through July 5, is the first senior-level FIFA tournament broadcast by Fox Sports, the U.S. English-language rightsholders to the tournament, which will carry games on Fox, Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2; NBCUniversal-owned Telemundo and NBC Universo handles Spanish-language television broadcasts.[173]
	The majority of the cast of the 2000–2007 WB/CW series *Gilmore Girls*, along with series creator Amy Sherman-Palladino and her husband Daniel reunite for the first time in eight years to take part in a sold-out panel discussion of the series at the The Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas as part of the ATX Television Festival. A chair is left empty in honor of *Gilmore* patriarch Edward Herrmann, who had been the first to state his intention to attend the reunion, but died on December 31, 2014 of brain cancer.[174]
7	True crime channel Investigation Discovery airs its first ever scripted production with the mini-series *Serial Thriller: Angel of Decay* which chronicled the investigation of convicted serial killer Ted Bundy.[175] The channel is producing a second installment titled *Serial Thriller: The Chameleon* about suspected serial killer Elaine Parent, set to debut in December.[176]
8	The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A) announces a new U.S. broadcast deal with NBC and Golf Channel to carry The Open Championship, one of the four men's major golf championships. The new deal was set to begin in 2017, but by October 2015, NBC reaches a deal with the R&A and ESPN to take over coverage in 2016, the last year of ESPN's current deal to carry The Open. The arrangements mean ESPN's relationship with

	The Open ends with the final round of the 2015 Open on July 20. ESPN and/or sister network ABC had carried The Open since 1962.[177][178]
9	During an interview with ABC affiliate KXLY-TV/Spokane in which they were doing an investigation into her claims of harassment and her ethnic background, Rachel Dolezal, the president of the Spokane Chapter of the NAACP, is confronted and questioned by reporter Jeff Humphrey about whether she was actually African-American when the reporter showed her a picture of her parents, who are actually Caucasian along with a picture of her as a teenager albeit a different skin color; Dolezal immediately walks away afterwards.[179][180] The interview eventually goes viral and Dolezal becomes the major topic on news programs, which results in her stepping down as NAACP president and being removed from a police ombudsman commission. Dolezal later appears on *Today* and MSNBC to discuss her racial identity, say that she identifies herself as a Black person.[181]
10	After three months of guest hosting, actress/singer Raven-Symoné is named a permanent co-host of ABC's *The View*, filling the fourth panel slot vacated four months earlier by Rosie O'Donnell.[182]
18	Four months after Lester Holt was named interim weeknight anchor of *NBC Nightly News* in the wake of preceding anchor Brian Williams' suspension for his misrepresentation of certain events, NBC News makes the move permanent, with Holt assuming full-time weeknight duties effective June 22. Holt, who had previously anchored *Nightly News*' Saturday and Sunday editions from 2007 until Williams' suspension, becomes the first African-American to serve as the sole lead anchor of a weeknight network newscast.[183][184]
18–21	The 115th U.S. Open Golf Tournament airs on Fox and Fox Sports 1. The major tournament is the first U.S. Open ever carried by Fox Sports as part of a 12-year deal in which the sports division will hold the television rights to United States Golf Association championship events.[185]
19	Following a sold-out performance at the Minskoff Theatre in New York City, Neil Meron and Craig Zadan announced that "Bombshell", which was the fictional musical that was basis for the setting in the former NBC series *Smash* (for which they were the executive producers), would head to the Broadway stage as a real musical. Meron and Zadan are set to executive produce the Broadway production.[186]
24	The CBS reality series *Big Brother* begins its 17th season, with contestant Audrey Middleton – who was born male – becoming the first transgender contestant to appear on the U.S. version of the series (Nadia Almada – who also transitioned from male to female – was the

	first such contestant in the *Big Brother* franchise overall when she participated in the fifth season of the show's British version in 2004).[187]
25	Following comments about illegal immigrants from Mexico made by Donald Trump (who had previously stepped down as host of NBC's *The Apprentice* and was dropped by Fox News Channel as a contributor shortly before his declaration) during his June 16 speech announcing his candidacy for the RepublicanPresidential nomination, Univision Communications terminates its contract with the Miss Universe Organization.[188][189][190] NBCUniversal (which co-owned the Organization with Trump) and Mexico media conglomerate Televisa (which has a program-sharing agreement with Univision) later announced on June 29, that they would join Univision in severing business ties with Trump and terminate their contracts to televise Miss USA (cable channel Reelz later agreed to carry Miss USA 2015 on July 2, after initial confirmation by the Organization that it would be streamed via the pageant organizer's website) and Miss Universe.[191][192][193][194] In protest of Trump's comments, hosts Cristián de la Fuente, Roselyn Sánchez (who were set to host the Spanish language simulcast for UniMás), Thomas Roberts and Cheryl Burke (who were set to host the NBC telecast); judges Emmitt Smith and Jonathan Scott; and scheduled musical performers J Balvin, Natalie La Rose, Craig Wayne Boyd and Flo Rida also withdrew from participating in the pageant.[195][196][197][198]Trump and the Miss Universe Organization filed a breach of contract and defamation lawsuit against Univision Communications on June 30, seeking damages in excess of $500 million.[199][200]
26	Just moments after the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a 5-4 ruling that made same-sex marriages legal in the United States[201] based on its decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*,[202][203] *TV Guide* updated its website and Facebook page to feature a modified logo, with the "=" (the symbol for marriage equality) replacing "Guide" for one day.[204]
29	The Gannett Company formally separates its assets; the broadcasting and digital media assets are split off into Tegna, Inc., which will handle the operations of the former company's 46 television stations (its name is derived as a partial anagram of its predecessor parent, which was restructured as a new, debt-free company that runs the "old" Gannett's publishing assets).[205][206] With the split, Tegna also seeks to gain control of stations owned by Sander Media in markets with Gannett newspapers due to cross-ownership rules.[207]

July[edit]

Date	Event
1	As part of a series of asset and license transactions, Gray Television acquires certain non-

	license assets of Fox affiliate WFXS/Wausau, Wisconsin and CBS affiliate KVTV/Laredo, Texas from Davis Television, LLC and Eagle Creek Television respectively, migrating their programming to low-power stations WZAW-LD and KYLX-LP (Gray already owns CBS affiliate WSAW and NBC affiliate KGNS in the respective markets). Gray also sells NBC affiliates KTVH-DT/Helena, Montana and its Great Falls satellite KBGF to Cordillera Communications, and donates the license assets of CW affiliate KMTF to Montana State University, which will integrate it as a member of its Montana PBS state network.[208]
	Just 20 days after beginning to air repeats of *The Dukes of Hazzard*, TV Land immediately pulls the series from its schedule as a response to the Charleston church shooting on June 17 and the controversy surrounding the modern display of the Confederate flag (which is displayed on the rooftop of the 1969 Dodge Charger, known as the "General Lee", in the show). The shooter, Dylann Roof, had used the flag in his photos to display his plan to start a race war, thus igniting the controversy. One week prior, Warner Bros. Television and its co-owned consumer products division decided to stop production of products that featured the flag related to the series or franchise.[209] CMT continues to air the series under the same syndication contract between Warner Bros. and Viacom which allows airing on most Viacom networks, including TV Land.
2	Sonia Manzano announces that she will retire from *Sesame Street* after playing Maria Figueroa-Rodriguez since 1971.[210]
	During a live remote broadcast in San Francisco about a fatal shooting the previous night, news crews members from NBC owned-and-operated station KNTV and Fox O&O KTVU are assaulted and robbed of their equipment. The three suspects, last seen driving away in a black BMW, are still at large.[211]
5	The live telecast of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Final from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, which saw the United States defeat Japan 5-2 in their rematch of the 2011 final (in which Japan won in a shootout), shattered viewing records for a major soccer game in the United States, played by men or women. An estimated 25.4 million viewers watched the English-language broadcast on the Fox Broadcasting Company, while 1.3 million viewed the Spanish-language broadcast on Telemundo. The combined audience of 26.7 million viewers made the final the most-watched soccer game in American history.[212]
7	Showtime launches an over-the-top subscription video on demand service featuring a wide selection of original programming and feature film content, as well as live streams of the CBS Corporation-owned premium channel's linear East and West Coast television feeds. Like with pay television competitor HBO's OTT service HBO Now, the service does not require a subscription to the linear Showtime channel through a conventional pay television provider

	(differing from the similar TV Everywhere service Showtime Anytime). It was initially made available for purchase through Apple, Roku, PlayStation Vue and Hulu as well as through the channel's SHO.com website.[213]
	Subway and its spokesman Jared Fogle mutually agree to part ways after the FBI raided his Zionsville, Indiana home during a follow-up investigation regarding the arrest of the former head of his foundation, who was charged with possession of child pornography in April.[214] Fogle pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography and having sex with a minor a month later.[215]
	Just one day after a judge orders the release of documents from his 2005 lawsuit involving a sexual harassment case that revealed that Bill Cosby had admitted to acquiring Quaaludes in order to have sex with women by drugging them, two African-American focused networks immediately drop his sitcoms from their lineup, with cable channel Centric pulling repeats of *The Cosby Show* and the digital multicast network Bounce TV removing his 1996–2000 series *Cosby* from their schedules.[216]
	After only one year as an online subscription video streaming service, The Sarah Palin Channel announced that it would be ceasing operations on August 1. Palin will offer the videos for free on her Facebook page and at her SarahPAC.com website.[217]
8	ESPN announces that Keith Olbermann will part ways with the network after two years due to a breakdown in negotiations to renew his contract, which expires July 31. ESPN rehired the veteran news and sports journalist in 2013 (as he was an anchor on *SportsCenter* from 1992 to 1997) to host the self-titled sports news/talk program *Olbermann* on ESPN2, only to see the struggling series constantly make changes, delaying the show for live events, reducing it from an hour-long format to a half-hour, and concerns over Olbermann's style of reporting and commentary. The final program aired on July 24.[218]
	Epix 3, Epix's sister channel is renamed Epix Hits.
9	E! announces that Giuliana Rancic will step down as co-host of *E! News* after 10 years, but will continue to serve as host of *Fashion Police* and *Live from the Red Carpet* specials at the network.[219]
15	For the first time in its 23-year history, the ESPY Awards, an exclusive to ESPN since its inaugural debut in 1993, moved to network television, where it aired on co-owned sister ABC (a rebroadcast later aired on ESPN, which aired the pre-show). The event – hosted by Joel

	McHale – saw Caitlyn Jenner become the first transgender athlete to receive an ESPY Award for expanding the sports world to the LGBT community, and a tribute to Stuart Scott, who died in January after suffering from cancer.[220][221]
	Two of the three PBS member stations serving South Florida, WPBT/Miami (owned by Community Television Foundation of South Florida, Inc.) and WXEL-TV/Boynton Beach (owned by WXEL Public Broadcasting Corporation), announce an agreement to merge into a new entity to be known as "South Florida PBS", which would enable the two stations to pool resources and fundraising efforts to offer more programming content. Miami's other PBS member station, WLRN-TV, is exempt from the deal.[222][223]
19	GOCOM Media announces it will sell CBS affiliate KHSL-TV to USA Television Holdings, and K4 Media Holdings announces it will sell NBC affiliate KNVN to Maxair Media. Under the terms of the deal for the two Chico, California stations, USA Television will assume the rights to an existing shared services agreement between KHSL and KNVN, in which it will provide certain non-programming, operational, technical and limited advertising services for KNVN on behalf of Maxair.[224]
22	At the end of the Syfy made-for-cable film *Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!*, the last minute concluded with a cliffhanger regarding whether or not April Wexler (played by Tara Reid) is killed by falling wreckage. An ad after the film promotes a Twitter campaign offering fans the chance to decide her fate with the hashtags "#AprilLives" or "#AprilDies", with the results to be revealed in *Sharknado 4*, scheduled to air in 2016.[225]
24	World Wrestling Entertainment officially releases Hulk Hogan from his contract, dropped as a judge on *WWE Tough Enough*, and removes products, merchandise, and related images (including his WWE Hall of Fame induction) from their website after additional footage from a 2012 sex tape surfaced in which he made racially charged rants that he would rather see his daughter Brooke date an African American, whom he suspected of dating at the time, as well as a separate comment involving Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Hogan has since apologized for his actions.[226]
	The Federal Communications Commission approves the merger between AT&T and DirecTV, with attached conditions to address issues that may have potential negative effects on competition in the telecommunications industry (including requirements to expand its high-speed internet service to additional customers, eligible schools and libraries, and to offer broadband services to low-income households at discounted rates).[227]
	ESPN officially terminates television and radio personality Colin Cowherd after he made

	negative comments about baseball players from the Dominican Republic on his radio program *The Herd* (a show simulcast on ESPNU), which was condemned by Major League Baseball and its players association. Ironically, Cowherd had planned to leave ESPN after July 31 to join Fox Sports (where he'll start September 3 on both television and radio),[228] but the network decided to expedite his departure immediately.[229]
27	Actor Anthony Geary departs *General Hospital*, after having played the character of Luke Spencer on the ABC soap opera for 37 years, beginning in 1978.[230][231]
28	With no advanced notice to its affiliates and a rebranding process still ongoing days after, Spanish-language broadcast network MundoFox rebrands as MundoMax.[232] The change comes nearly two weeks after Fox International Channels divested its 50% interest in the network to Colombian broadcaster and network co-founder RCN Television on July 16, due to Fox and RCN's differing focuses in Spanish-language media (with Fox International wanting to focus on cable channels Fox Deportes, Nat Geo Mundo and Fox Life). The network has struggled since its August 2012 launch against competition from established competitors such as Univision and Telemundo, as well as a lack of higher-profile affiliates in key markets (with much of its affiliate body consisting of low-power stations and digital subchannels; Fox Television Stations carried the network only on a few of its owned-and-operated stations as third or fourth digital subchannels, mainly to simulcast a local affiliate to allow some kind of must carry cable carriage unavailable to the stations themselves in major markets).[233][234] In addition to the rebrand, RCN abruptly shuts down MundoMax's news division, resulting in the layoffs of 35 of its 36 staffers; company representatives stated that news programming was "never part of the plan" for the network.[232]

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	KJNB-LD, the Fox affiliate in Jonesboro, Arkansas licensed to nearby Walnut Ridge, launches a DT2 subchannel carrying programming from CBS, giving the Jonesboro area its first full-time CBS affiliate. Waypoint Media, owners of KJNB-LD, also announce plans to acquire KJNE-LP from New Moon Communications (who had intended to make KJNE-LP a NBC affiliate until KAIT acquired that affiliation in January) and have it serve as a translator of KJNB-LD. With the move, the Jonesboro market now offers in-market affiliates of all four major commercial broadcast networks.[235]
3	Fourteen years after its original news department was shut down, WEVV-TV/Evansville, Indiana relaunches news content with the debut of daily local newscasts on both its CBS-

	affiliated main channel and its Fox/MyNetworkTV-affiliated subchannel.[236] The new news operation was formed by station owner Bayou City Broadcasting, which acquired WEVV in August 2014 (previous owner Communications Corporation of America, which shuttered WEVV's news department in 2001, divested the station to Bayou City as part of its sale to the Nexstar Broadcasting Group).[237]
	Citing its lower-tier position in covering the tournament (resulting in airing matches in less-than-attractive early morning time slots), ESPN announces it will end its relationship with the French Open tennis tournament. The network had been a primary rights-holder or sub-licensee (from the Tennis Channel) of French Open telecasts since 2003. Tennis Channel and NBC will continue to air the event, with some matches possibly moving to NBCSN in 2016.[238]
	Nineteen years after ending his stint as host of BET's *Video Soul* and after retiring from radio in 2010, Donnie Simpson signs a deal with Radio One to host a new music program that will air on its cable network TV One; he will also man an afternoon air shift at Radio One's WMMJ/Washington, D.C. as part of the multi-year deal.[239]
6	Fox News Channel aired the first of 12 scheduled Republican Presidential debates for the 2016 GOP nomination at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. It was seen by 24 million viewers, making the debate the most watched live broadcast in cable news history. Due to the number of candidates running for nomination, Fox News aired two separate debates, with the less popular candidates going first, followed by the top 10 candidates with more support in the 'prime time' debate.[240] The event also ran into controversy and a war of words when Donald Trump slammed moderator Megyn Kelly after she asked Trump about his negative statements towards women in general and with Chris Wallace over his continued stance against illegal immigration.[241][242][243]
	With cameos by former correspondents (plus former and future hosts Craig Kilborn and Trevor Noah), as well as a closing appearance by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Jon Stewart signs off after 16½ years as host of *The Daily Show*.[244]
10	Raycom Media announces that it would purchase Drewry Communications Group – which includes the group's nine television stations: ABC affiliates KSWO-TV/Lawton, Oklahoma; KXXV-TV/Waco, Texas (and Bryan repeater KRHD-CD); CBS affiliate KFDA-TV/Amarillo, Texas; NBC affiliate KWES-TV/Midland, Texas (and Big Spring satellite KWAB-TV); and Telemundo affiliates KEYU/Amarillo, KTLE-LP/Odessa and KSCM-LP/Bryan, Texas – for $160 million. As part of the deal, Hoak Media Corporation will sell CBS affiliate KAUZ-TV/Wichita Falls, Texas to American Spirit Media, under which it will be entered into a shared services agreement with Raycom upon the termination of a grandfathered joint sales

	agreement between KAUZ and KSWO.[245]
11	Cumulus Media's Nash TV expands with the launch of a television production division called Nash TV Films. Its first offering under this banner will be the documentary *Walk Tall: The Journey of Sugarland's Kristian Bush*, which is scheduled to air in syndication in September.[246]
13	HBO signs a five-year programming and development agreement with Sesame Workshop, granting the premium channel rights to much of the company's archive, along with the first-run broadcast rights to *Sesame Street*. A flagship program of both Sesame Workshop and public television, *Sesame Street* had aired exclusively on PBS or its predecessor NET since 1969. PBS will retain broadcast reruns of the half-hour version of *Sesame Street*, including episodes that air 9 months after their initial HBO broadcast.[247][248] As part of its deal, HBO will also gain exclusive streaming rights to *Sesame Street* for its HBO Go and HBO Now services (assuming those rights from Amazon Video and Netflix). As a result, Sesame Workshop subsequently announces on August 14 that it would phase out in-house streaming service, Sesame Go, as a standalone subscription offering.[249]
24	Raycom Media's Cleveland duopoly of CBS affiliate WOIO/Shaker Heights and MyNetworkTV affiliate WUAB/Lorain implements a universal rebranding of their newscasts and imaging under the respective "Cleveland 19" and "CLE 43" brands. WOIO, which has been producing newscasts since 1995 via an arrangement with the existing news department of then-LMA partner WUAB (which becomes one of many MyNetworkTV affiliates that have stopped utilizing the programming service's branding), also shifts away from the tabloid-style *Action News* format introduced in 2002 under former news director Bill Applegate toward a more traditional news format with a continued emphasis on investigative journalism.[250][251]
25	ESPN suspends Curt Schilling from his duties as analyst for its Little League World Series coverage following a tweet (which he subsequently deleted) attached with a picture which made a comparison between Muslim extremists and Nazis. The former Major League Baseball pitcher, who has also served as a color analyst on the network's *Sunday Night Baseball* telecasts since 2014, later apologized following extensive criticism, calling the move to post the photo a "dumb decision."[252]
	129 stations owned and/or operated by Sinclair Broadcast Group, covering 79 markets in 36 states, are dropped from Dish Network due to an unresolved carriage dispute.[253] The stations return to the satellite provider one day later, hours after FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler meets with both sides in an effort to resolve the dispute.[254]

	ABC announces that Joy Behar will return as a panelist on *The View*, reportedly at the behest of the talk show's creator and executive producer (and original moderator) Barbara Walters. Behar previously served a panelist from *The View*'s debut in 1997 until 2013. Behar will join fellow additions Candace Cameron Bure (who will balance her duties with her role as D.J. Tanner Fuller in the Netflix series *Fuller House*) and *Good Morning America Weekend* anchor Paula Faris, along with existing panelists Whoopi Goldberg, Michelle Collins and Raven-Symoné beginning in September, for its 19th season, which will also see the resumption of live episodes on Fridays.[255]
	NBC announces that Alison Sweeney has decided to leave her role as host of *The Biggest Loser* after 13 seasons. Sweeney succeeded Caroline Rhea (the original host of the weight loss-focused reality competition series from its 2002 debut) as host in 2007, and had balanced her duties with her role as Sami Brady on the network's soap opera *Days of Our Lives* until 2014.[256]
26	In an incident that aired live on its morning newscast, WDBJ/Roanoke, Virginia reporter Alison Parker and photographer Adam Ward were fatally shot while interviewing Moneta Chamber of Commerce director Vicki Gardner at a shopping/sports plaza in Moneta (Gardner was also shot and hospitalized with gunshot wounds to the back). The assailant, who died that afternoon at a local hospital (from a self-inflicted gunshot wound as he was approached by police), was Vester Flanigan II, who worked as a multimedia journalist at WDBJ (under the professional name Bryce Williams) from 2012 to 2013. Flanigan was briefly visible in footage of the on-air shooting after Ward dropped his camera, and later posted personal phone video of him shooting the three victims on his since-suspended Twitter account, along with a 23-page manifesto faxed to ABC News' New York offices about his reasoning for the shooting.[257][258][259][260]
	In the wake of the Alison Parker/Adam Ward shooting, USA Network announces the postponement of the first-season finale of *Mr. Robot* – which was originally scheduled to air that evening – to September 2, citing a graphic scene in the episode similar to the shootings inflicted by Vester Flanigan.[261] IFC follows suit on August 27 by replacing that evening's episode of *Documentary Now!*, which included a scene in which two journalists are killed on-camera, with another episode in the series.[262]
28	The Los Angeles Dodgers announce that Vin Scully will continue to call games on television and radio for the 2016 season, his 67th as a broadcaster for the team dating back to its days in Brooklyn. The news is revealed during the Dodgers' game against the Chicago Cubs in Los Angeles by way of a sketch featuring comedian Jimmy Kimmel on the Dodger Stadium video board.[263] At a news conference the following day, the 87-year-old Scully indicated he would likely leave the broadcast booth at the end of 2016.[264]

	ESPN Full Court and ESPN GamePlan both cease operations and their both replaced ESPN College Extra. It will offer a select bundle of games that would previously have been broadcast by GamePlan and Full Court and the package is much less promoted or available than it has been in the past with the drawing down of pay-per-view to select special events; all of Full Court's events are available through WatchESPN via various ESPN3 streams without cost through TV Everywhere authentication.[citation needed]
30	The 2015 MTV Video Music Awards, hosted by Miley Cyrus, airs on all Viacom-owned MTV networks (MTV, MTV2, VH1, VH1 Classic, Logo TV, BET, Centric, Comedy Central, TV Land, and CMT[265][266]) and streaming online. The event also saw Kanye West received a Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award from the person who he interrupted back at the 2009 Awards, Taylor Swift, who took home four awards for "Bad Blood".[267]
31	A month-and-a-half after assuming full ownership of the since renamed MundoMax, Colombian broadcaster RCN takes over the operations of MundoMax affiliates KWHY-TV/Los Angeles and KUVM-CD/Houston under shared services agreements with Meruelo Group. As a result, RCN shut down KWHY's news department (immediately canceling the station's weekday evening newscasts), and laid off 50 to 60 positions within its news, marketing and sales staffs (about 40 of which belonged to the news department). Five other staffers will have their positions transferred to MundoMax's Los Angeles network headquarters (including KWHY lead anchor Palmira Pérez, who will anchor one-minute local and national news briefs for the network).[268]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	Gray Television announces that it will acquire ABC affiliate KCRG-TV/Cedar Rapids for $100 million. It is the first television station acquisition in Iowa for Gray, and marks the Cedar Rapids-based Gazette Company's exit from broadcasting (it continues to operate Cedar Rapids' daily newspaper, *The Gazette*).[269]
4	DirecTV and Al Jazeera America settle their $74.5 million breach of contract lawsuit and reach a new carriage agreement that included the HD feed of the network on the satellite provider's lineup for the first time later added on November 2.[270][271]
8	Media General announces plans to acquire broadcasting and publishing entity Meredith Corporation for $2.4 billion, a deal that would have created the nation's 4th largest TV

	broadcasting group, owning and operating 84 stations covering 30% of U.S. TV households.[272] In a move seen by analysts as a maneuver to torpedo the Media General-Meredith merger, Nexstar Broadcasting Group, which made a takeover bid for Media General that was rejected on August 10, makes a $4.1 billion offer on September 28 to acquire Media General (minus the Meredith properties).[273][274] After months of wrangling between the sides, Nexstar would ultimately succeed in its efforts, announcing a $4.6 billion deal to acquire Media General in January 2016, this after Meredith agreed to walk away from its own deal with Media General.[275]
	The Late Show with Stephen Colbert makes its debut on CBS, with George Clooney and Jeb Bush as Colbert's first guests.[276] The extended 67-minute premiere handily beat out its network late-night competition in its 11:35 p.m. (Eastern) timeslot, pulling in a 4.9 rating/13 share overall with 13% of American homes tuning in.[277]
13	For the first time since she relinquished the title of Miss America 1984 to Suzette Charles after nude photos were released, Vanessa Williams returned as a judge for the telecast of Miss America 2016, which aired on ABC.[278] Williams and her mother Helen Williams also received an on-air apology from Sam Haskell, the executive chairman of the Miss America pageant, over her being stripped of her title and how his predecessors handled the situation during Williams' reign.[279]
14	Gray Television announces that its acquisition of Schurz Communications' broadcasting properties for $442.5 million, which will expand Gray's television portfolio to 49 stations across 28 states, and also includes Schurz's radio properties – marking Gray's expansion into radio – in South Bend and Lafayette, Indiana, and Rapid City, South Dakota. As part of the deal, on October 1, Gray traded ABC affiliate KAKE-TV/Wichita to Lockwood Broadcast Group in exchange for CW affiliate WBXX/Knoxville (forming a duopoly with Gray-owned CBS affiliate WVLT) and CBS affiliate WSBT-TV/South Bend to the Sinclair Broadcast Group for NBC affiliate WLUC-TV/Marquette (Gray will keep its existing South Bend NBC affiliate WNDU and Schurz's CBS/CW duopoly of KWCH–KSCW in Wichita). The remaining properties will have their operations consolidated, with Schurz-owned NBC affiliate WAGT/Augusta, Georgia merging with Gray-owned CBS affiliate WRDW, while Schurz-owned KOTA-TV/Rapid City and its satellite stations will merge with Gray-owned Fox affiliate KEVN and its satellite KIVV/Lead (KOTA's assets – minus its ABC affiliation, which will migrate to a subchannel of KEVN – were sold to Legacy Broadcasting on October 1). With its acquisition of NBC-CW duopoly KYTV–K15CZ/Springfield, Missouri and NBC affiliate KTUU/Anchorage, the deal will give Gray its first properties in Missouri and Alaska. Schurz will retain its publishing, cable television and digital media assets (including flagship newspaper, the *South Bend Tribune*).[280][281]
	Just four days after Donald Trump bought back 50% of the Miss Universe

	Organization from NBCUniversal on September 11,[282] the businessman-turned-presidential candidate turns around and sells the organization to WME–IMG, who also serves as the pageant's producers and will continue to do so under the acquisition. In a separate move on the same day, NBC taps Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as the new host of Trump's former show, *The Apprentice*, when it returns in the 2016–17 season.[283][284]
	For the first time in its seven-season run (to date), two contestants successfully complete the Mount Midoriyama obstacle on *American Ninja Warrior* as cameraman Geoff Britten and busboy/professional rock climber Isaac Caldiero – who are also the first to reach the fourth and final stage of the Las Vegas-based national finals round – both scale a 75-foot (23 m) rope climb within the 30-second time limit; although Britten (who finished with less than 0.30 seconds left on the clock) was the first to finish the course, Caldiero beat his time by 3.6 seconds to win the $1 million grand prize.[285][286][287]
	After 31 years in national syndication, ABC owned-and-operated KTRK-TV/Houston began airing *Jeopardy!*, making it the last ABC O&O to carry the Sony Pictures Television game show, which along with sister game show *Wheel of Fortune* have been staples on ABC's other O&Os since the 1980s. Tegna-owned CBS affiliate KHOU, which has aired the Merv Griffin game shows since 1986 and will continue to carry *Wheel of Fortune* (making Houston one of the largest markets where both shows air on separate stations), expanded its 4:00 p.m. newscast to one hour to fill *Jeopardy!*'s timeslot.[288]
	KCOP-TV/Los Angeles moves the programming lineup of MyNetworkTV from primetime (during which time period, it is replaced with syndicated entertainment news magazines) to late nights (11:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.); it is a notable move as the programming service is owned by Fox Entertainment Group and operated by KCOP's parent Fox Television Stations (the station is the first Fox-owned station and the highest-profile MyNetworkTV affiliate to make the move).[289]
17	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces its $44 million purchase of the Reiten Television stations, which include Bismarck, North Dakota CBS affiliate KXMB-TV and semi-satellites KXMA-TV/Dickinson, KXMC-TV/Minot, and KXMD-TV/Williston (all four of which comprise the KX Television network). Nexstar intends to continue Reiten's sharing agreements with Forum Communications, owner of the market's ABC affiliates KBMY/Bismarck and KMCY/Minot, in which the KX stations provide sales and other services to KBMY/KMCY.[290]
	Netherlands-based Altice announces that it will acquire Bethpage, New York-based Cablevision from the Dolan family for $17.7 billion; the deal, which is expected to close in 2016 pending approval from the FCC and federal regulators (due to Altice being a foreign-

	owned entity), will include Cablevision's regional News 12 Networks as well as publications *Long Island Newsday* and *AmNewYork*. While the acquisition signals the Dolan family's exit from the company that they launched in 1973, they will retain ownership of AMC Networks, The Madison Square Garden Company, and the New York Knicks and Rangers sports teams.[291]
19	With a final episode (subtitled "¡Hasta Siempre!" or "Forever") that is simulcast live in Chile, Mexico, and the U.S. (the only time in the show's history that occurred), *Sábado Gigante* ends its 53-year run.[292] The three-hour variety show, hosted by Don Francisco, exits as the longest-running variety series in television history. It originated on Chilean television in 1962 before moving to Miami and joining Univision in 1986.[293]
20	The 67th Primetime Emmy Awards airs on Fox, with Andy Samberg as host. The night's significant winners include outstanding series wins for HBO's *Olive Kitteridge* (limited series), *Game of Thrones* (drama), and *Veep* (comedy, the first cable series to win that award); the first two Emmys for Amazon (Jeffrey Tambor as lead comedy actor and Jill Soloway for comedy directing, both for *Transparent*); and notable acting wins for Jon Hamm (his first, for *Mad Men*'s final season) and Viola Davis (the first African-American to win in the lead drama series actress category, for *How To Get Away With Murder*). Comedian Tracy Morgan makes his first public appearance since his June 2014 auto accident, presenting the final award of the evening for Outstanding Drama Series.[294][295]
22	With his suspension from NBC News lifted, Brian Williams returns to an on-air role as lead anchor of MSNBC's coverage of Pope Francis' visit to the United States.[296] This marks a return to MSNBC for Williams, who will anchor its breaking news coverage (Williams anchored one of the cable network's early programs, *The News*, from its 1996 launch until 2004). Williams' addition is also part of a transition for MSNBC, which will emphasize breaking news coverage during the daytime hours and limit its generally progressive- and liberal-leaning opinion shows to early mornings and weeknights.[297][298]
	Eddie Huang confirms that he is no longer contributing as a consultant, co-producer, or narrator on the ABC sitcom *Fresh Off the Boat*. Huang, who wrote the autobiographical memoirs on which the show is based, had long taken issue with the direction of the series. With Huang's departure, the show, which premiers its second season on this date, will no longer regularly utilize any form of narrative voiceover.[299]
	During that evening's edition of CW affiliate WGN-TV/Chicago's 9:00 p.m. newscast, an image of a yellow badge – a symbol used by Nazis to identify Jews during the Holocaust which is now considered antisemitic – is displayed within an over-the-shoulder graphic during a story about the observance of Yom Kippur. Following criticism of

	the incident via email and social media, WGN general manager Greg Easterly and news director Jennifer Lyons issue a joint apology for the graphical mistake, acknowledging that the badge image was lifted from an image bank by a station graphics department staffer for use in the story.[300][301][302]
23	Sportscaster Dick Enberg announces the 2016 season will be his last as play-by-play voice for the San Diego Padres, and that he intends to retire. Enberg, who formerly called high-profile events for NBC Sports and CBS Sports from the 1970s to the 2000s, has been part of the Padres broadcasting team since 2009.[303]
28	The Nick Jr. block of programming known as NickMom ends its almost three-year run with an early morning airing of the 1994 motion picture *Guarding Tess*. Debuting amid controversy in 2012 (due to the inclusion of adult content on a kids-oriented channel), NickMom aired in late primetime and catered to young mothers with a mix of comedic and lighthearted content, both original and acquired (the latter including *Parenthood*).[304] Nick Jr. will program the vacated time with episodes of the network's most popular preschool-oriented series.
	Nine months after joining the Comedy Central news satire program as a contributor, and eight weeks after previous host Jon Stewart departed, Trevor Noah takes over as host of *The Daily Show*, with Kevin Hart appearing as his first guest.[305][306]
30	Music channel Fuse TV merges with Latino-targeted general entertainment channel NuvoTV, with the combined channel's programming lineup being refocused to feature original music, comedy, culture and lifestyle programming. A new music-oriented cable channel, FM, takes over the channel space vacated by Nuvo.[307]

October[edit]

Date	Event
1	Fox affiliate WFXR/Roanoke, Virginia launches its news department with the debut of expanded weekday morning and nightly 10:00 p.m. newscasts (the former of which was expanded from two hours to four, and the latter expanding to an hour on weekends, matching the existing running time of that program's weeknight editions). The change followed the September 30 termination of a news share agreement with Media General-owned WSLS-TV that – since its formation in 1996 – saw the NBC affiliate produce news content for WFXR (which, along with CW-affiliated sister WWCW, was acquired by the Nexstar Broadcasting Group as part of its 2013 purchase of Grant Broadcasting System II), as well as

	WFXR/WWCW's move into a new 14,830 sq ft (0.3-acre) studio facility in Hollins (near Roanoke–Blacksburg Regional Airport) earlier in September.[308][309]
	Gray Television announces that it will purchase MyNetworkTV affiliate KYES-TV/Anchorage from Fireweed Communications for $500,000. Due to financial issues with that station, Gray will acquire KYES through a failing station waiver, in order to form a duopoly with NBC affiliate KTUU-TV (one of the stations involved in Gray's September 14 purchase of Schurz Communications, with the deal announced alongside a series of trades in four markets where both Gray and Schurz own television stations) to comply with FCC ownership regulations that otherwise restrict duopolies in markets with fewer than eight distinctive full-power station owners.[281]
5	Regional sports network SportSouth rebrands as Fox Sports Southeast.[310][311] The renaming of the Fox Sports Networks outlet – which serves Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and parts of North Carolina – was due to viewer confusion cited in research surveys that was caused by its sister network's 2012 rebranding to Fox Sports South, as part of the regional networks' rebranding under the Fox Sports umbrella prefix.[312][313]
	Fox affiliates WGBC/Meridian and WHPM-LD/Hattiesburg, Mississippi (both owned by Waypoint Media) launch nightly half-hour 9:00 p.m. newscasts, marking the first prime time newscasts to air in both markets. While its prime time newscast marks the first local news program ever to air on WHPM (which joined Fox in October 2011), WGBC's newscast is its first full-scale news program since the then-NBC affiliate stopped simulcasting newscasts from its CBS-affiliated LMA partner WMDN in 1998 (WGBC moved NBC programming to a digital subchannel when it became a primary Fox affiliate in January 2009); WMDN would shut down its news department in 2005, before news was restored on both stations in 2009 in the form of cut-ins.[314][315]
	"The '90s Are All That", a late-night program block featuring Nickelodeon live-action and animated series from the 1990s that has aired on TeenNick since 2011, relaunches as "The Splat" and expands from four hours to eight (running from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Eastern Time).[316]
	Viacom Media Networks shifts editorial control of the music video-oriented digital cable channel MTV Jams from MTV to BET Networks to unite Viacom's urban-based music networks under one banner. BET Networks subsequently renames the network to BET Jams.[317]

6	Former U.S. Olympic softball player Jessica Mendoza becomes the first woman to serve as color analyst for a Major League Baseball postseason game as a member of the broadcast team for ESPN's coverage of the American League Wild Card Game,[318] which sees the Houston Astros shut out the New York Yankees, 3-0, at Yankee Stadium. However, on October 7, the news also sparked a negative and sexist series of tweets from Mike Bell, who is immediately placed on a three-day suspension from his duties as afternoon co-host at CBS Radio-owned sports talk outlet WZGC/Atlanta, in which he slammed ESPN for not hiring a sportscaster with professional baseball credentials to do the play-by-play and questioned Mendoza's qualifications to actually do a baseball telecast;[319] the comments were also condemned by the Atlanta Falcons, which maintains a broadcasting partnership with WZGC as the flagship of the team's radio network.[320]
8	NBC affiliate WLBZ/Bangor, Maine discontinues its 6:00 p.m. newscast in favor of one produced by Portland sister station WCSH. All other newscasts on WLBZ had already originated at WCSH (under the shared "NewsCenter" brand), and are simulcast in both markets; the change allows the WLBZ newsroom to provide more content to all of the shared newscasts instead of focusing primarily on a single local newscast. WLBZ continues to produce its own weather segments on weeknights.[321]
12	Completing an operational merger that occurred in 2002 following the formation of a shared services agreement between the two stations by the latter's owner Lilly Broadcasting, CBS affiliate WSEE-TV/Erie, Pennsylvania (owned by Lilly subsidiary SJL Broadcasting) cancels its separate weekday morning, 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. newscasts, and begins simulcasting newscasts produced by NBC-affiliated sister station WICU-TV, which now air under the unified brand *Erie News Now*. The move by WICU/WSEE (which had earlier consolidated production of their weekend evening newscasts in 2012) was cited by the stations' executive vice president John Christianson as being motivated by audience research that showed the two stations' news programs were seen as essentially the same newscast with different anchors. Most of WSEE's staff is either laid off or reassigned to other positions as a result. The operation will continue to produce separate midday newscasts for both WSEE and WICU, as well as an existing prime time newscast on CW Plus affiliate WSEE-DT2. A new weekend morning newscast that is simulcast on WSEE and WICU would debut five days later on October 17.[322]
14	Abby Lee Miller, the star of the Lifetime reality series *Dance Moms* and its spin-offs, is charged with 20 counts of bankruptcy fraud after it was revealed that she concealed income and assets received in 2012 and 2013 that totaled up to $755,000 (most of it from the television shows and related media entities, including a $288,000 check from Collins Avenue Entertainment, which the judge handling the case cited after watching *Abby's Ultimate Dance Competition*, ads for "The Maniac is Back" and her appearance on *American Idol*), and making false bankruptcy declarations (her four dance studios filed for bankruptcy in 2010, while Miller had her homes in Pennsylvania and Florida declared liabilities because of

	mortgage payments and escrow issues, and owed about $60,000 in back taxes to the Penn Hills School District and Allegheny County) following an investigation by the FBI, IRS and postal inspectors. Although she is expected to be arraigned on November 5, Miller will continue work on *Dance Moms*, which is currently shot in Los Angeles.[323]
17	Tracy Morgan returns to *Saturday Night Live* as host of that night's episode, marking his first comedic TV appearance since a multi-vehicle car crash in June 2014 that left him in a coma for two weeks (and resulted in several months of physical rehabilitation afterward) and killed his friend, comedian James McNair.[324]
25	In what is termed a "grand experiment", that day's National Football League game in London, England between the Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars was streamed exclusively and for free on the Internet, instead of airing on conventional television outside the Buffalo and Jacksonville markets, nor was it aired on NFL Sunday Ticket.[85] The rights to livestream the game were awarded by the league to Yahoo! Sports.[325]
26	NRJ TV purchases MundoMax affiliate KFWD/Dallas from HIC Broadcast Inc. for $9.9 million. Under the terms of the deal, HIC is required to register for the upcoming broadcast incentive spectrum auction to be held in March 2016, prior to the FCC's December 18 deadline for television stations to apply for potential bidding, and enter into a channel-share agreement if so requested by NRJ (which has bought television stations in several other markets over the previous three years, with the intent of selling their spectrum – either resulting in the station also relinquishing its license and ceasing broadcasting entirely, or sharing a channel allocation with another station – in the auction).[326]
	NBC affiliate WKTV in Utica, New York announces on-air it has signed an affiliation deal with CBS for WKTV-DT2, giving the Utica market its first full-time CBS affiliate. The move takes effect November 22, at which time WKTV-DT2's former affiliation with The CW moves to WKTV-DT3, while WKTV-DT3's former affiliation with Me-TV moves to a new fourth digital subchannel.[327]
27	During the live broadcast of Game 1 of the 2015 World Series between the New York Mets and the Kansas City Royals, Fox suffers a computer system failure with its transmission equipment, resulting in a loss of coverage for 15 minutes, followed by a five-minute in-game delay while officials addressed the availability of video review due to the loss of the Fox feed. The teams agreed to allow the use of footage from MLB International's world feed of the game for video review, while Fox also temporarily switched to the MLB International feed with Matt Vasgersian and John Smoltz, later replaced by play-by-play announcer Joe Buck, and analysts Harold Reynolds and Tom Verducci before the main Fox Sports production was

	restored.[328][329]
28	After being purchased by competitor TVG Network, the name of horse racing channel HRTV is changed to TVG2.[330]
30	Displeased by the performance of the moderators during the October 28 debate on CNBC over what the candidates claim were "Gotcha questions" that the network defended as "Tough Questions" that they should be able to answer, The Republican National Committee announced that is suspending the February 26, 2016 debate that was to air on NBC and Telemundo, citing the actions of parent company Comcast and its news divisions, including MSNBC, of being hostile to the candidates and media bias towards the GOP in general.[331]
31	Comet, a digital multicast network focused on science fiction and fantasy programming, launches. The network, owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group (through its Sinclair Television Group subsidiary) and MGM Television, features series and films from the aforementioned genres sourced from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer library, with stations owned and/or operated by Sinclair, Tribune Broadcasting and Titan Broadcast Management as its charter outlets, covering markets reaching 30% of U.S. television households. The network replaced ZUUS Country on Sinclair stations in many of the markets, while it is carried on a newly created subchannel in others.[332][333][334]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Ion Television begins a shift in carriage strategy, coming to terms with commercial station group Media General on an agreement that sees the network's main feed carried as a digital subchannel on Media General's stations in markets where the network has no means of owning or affiliating with an individual station alone for all of their services. This includes markets such as Austin, Texas, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Davenport, Iowa, Richmond, Virginia and Springfield, Massachusetts.[335]
5	A judge in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County orders the producers of *Dancing with the Stars* to withdraw Bindi Irwin from the Season 21 competition because of a California state law, in which because Irwin is a minor (she is 17), is required to have both her parents, Terri and Steve Irwin, to release their rights to her money before she can get paid. Terri – who is the only surviving parent – had already signed a form stating that she would give up all rights to any money her daughter will make on the show ($230,000 as of the

	eighth episode). However, because Steve passed away in 2006, the judge asked for a legal death certificate in order to let her continue in the competition, which their family lawyer is expected to submit.[336][337] On November 24, Irwin would go on to win the coveted trophy.[338]
	For the first time ever in the history of its 14 season run, 24-year-old Ashley Tipton from San Diego becomes the first plus-sized fashion designer to win *Project Runway*. Her win also sparked outrage from some viewers, who wanted the judges to choose either Kelly Dempsey, Edmond Newton, or Candice Cuoco, to be the winner, while others believe the judges made the right decision in picking Tipton.[339]
6–13	With a record of seven days and 18 minutes (visiting 50 states, traveling 17,000 miles and delivering 104 forecasts), NBC personality Al Roker sets a new Guinness-verified world record for the fastest time to report a weather forecast from all 50 United States states. His weeklong marathon, dubbed as *Rokerthon 2* and broadcast on *Today*, began in Honolulu, Hawaii on November 6 and ended at NBC's headquarters at New York City's GE Building on the 13th.[340]
13	In the wake of a terror attack (which the radical group ISIS would later claim responsibility for carrying out) that claimed 129 lives in and around Paris, the group U2 and HBO mutually announced the cancellation of a concert that was scheduled to air live on November 15 out of concerns for the safety of spectators who would be attending the show[341][342] (of the 129 that were killed, 112 were at the Bataclan theatre to see an American group, Eagles of Death Metal, which also added to the reasoning).[343] Explosions, later found out to be suicide bombers who were unable to enter a match between France and Germany that was taking place at Stade de France, in the suburb of Saint-Denis, were heard over the broadcast of the match,[344] where five people were killed by one of the three suicide bombers; the match finished with a 2-0 victory for France, mainly to keep spectators in the venue from harm outside.[345]
16	Universal Sports Network discontinues operations. The network, which launched in 2006 as the over-the-air World Championship Sports Network and converted to cable/satellite distribution in 2012, featured coverage of Olympic-sanctioned sporting events (e.g. cycling, cyclocross, track, mountain biking and road racing). NBCUniversal, which owned a minority stake in USN (alongside Intermedia Partners), acquires the network's programming rights to air on NBC, NBCSN, and Universal HD.[346][347]
17–19	ABC's morning news/talk show *Good Morning America* celebrates its 40th anniversary on the air with a live 40-hour event titled *GMA 40 for 40*, which aired mainly online and on the main program beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on November 17 and concluding at 9:00 a.m. on the 19th. The anniversary event featured several guests (including appearances by the

	cast of the network's shows such as *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Muppets*, *Shark Tank*, *General Hospital*, *The View*, *Scandal* and *Nashville*), performances by One Direction and Pitbull, and a reunion of the former and current anchors from the show's 40-year history.[348]
18	Univision NOW, an over-the-top video on demand streaming service, launches. The service, which is initially available for a $5.99 per month or $59.99 per year subscription through its standalone website and apps for iOS and Android devices, features content from the Univision Communications-owned Spanish language broadcast networks Univision and UniMás (with the exception of some entertainment programming, such as dubbed American feature films seen on UniMás), with newer episodes of prime time series being made available for streaming for seven days after their original airdate. Univision NOW also includes live programming streams from the two networks as well as news streams from select Univision stations.[349][350][351][352][353][354]
20	After less than three months on the show, Tyra Banks announced that she has made the decision to leave *FABLife* to focus on her cosmetics company and scheduled television projects. She will continue to oversee the syndicated talk show as executive producer and make occasional appearances.[355]

December[edit]

Date	Event
4	Both CNN and MSNBC, along with local broadcast outlets in the Los Angeles media market, are criticized by viewers on social media for showing live footage inside the apartment that was inhabited by Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik until the December 2 mass shooting in which they opened gunfire at a community center holiday party in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people and injuring 21 others, before being fatally shot by local police. The reporters were allowed access to the place by the landlord after the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) gave him parlance to allow them to visit inside the apartment.[356]
7	Fox News Networks, LLC suspends contributors Stacey Dash and Retired Lt. Colonel Ralph Peters for two weeks after both made profanity-laced remarks about President Barack Obama's speech regarding Islamic terrorism and the U.S.'s strategy to fight ISIS on December 6 respectively on Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network, while the division immediately apologized to viewers.[357]

15	Willard Scott, a longtime weather anchor for NBC's *Today* who joined the program in 1980 and became famous for his birthday wishes to centenarians, retires after 65 years in broadcasting.[358]
20	During the final moments of Miss Universe 2015 (which was telecast by Fox in English and Azteca in Spanish, both networks having acquired the rights to the pageant on October 28, following Donald Trump's sale of the Miss Universe Organization to WME/IMG), host Steve Harvey mistakenly announces Miss Colombia, Ariadna Gutiérrez, as the Miss Universe winner and Miss Philippines, Pia Wurtzbach, as the first runner-up. However, moments after Gutiérrez's crowning, after being corrected by pageant officials backstage, Harvey apologized and revealed that he read the card incorrectly and that Wurtzbach was the actual winner of the Miss Universe title. Paulina Vega of Colombia, who won the title in 2014, then handed the crown over to Wurtzbach before the broadcast abruptly ended. Harvey later issued a second apology for the error to both contestants on Twitter, which he later re-posted after correcting spelling errors of the contestants' representative countries.[359]
28	VH1 Soul was given over to BET Networks as part of the continuing reorganization of Viacom's assets due to ratings and financial issues in 2015, an issue that had already resulted in BET Networks taking editorial control of the former MTV Jams two months before. The network was rebranded as BET Soul on that day.[360]

Television programs[edit]

Programs debuting in 2015[edit]

These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2015.

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 1	*Big Women: Big Love*	Lifetime	[361]
January 4	*Galavant*	ABC	[362]
January 6	*Agent Carter*		[362]
	Child Genius	Lifetime	[363]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Framework	Spike	[364]
January 7	*Empire*	Fox	[365]
	Hindsight	VH1	[366]
January 8	*Babylon*	SundanceTV	[367]
January 10	*Numb Chucks*	Boomerang	[368]
January 11	*Togetherness*	HBO	[369]
January 12	*Little Charmers*	Nickelodeon Nick Jr.	[370]
	Eye Candy	MTV	[371]
January 13	*Wrestling with Death*	WGN America	[372]
	Big Giant Swords	Discovery Channel	[373]
	Jack Vale Offline	HLN	[374]
January 14	*Man Seeking Woman*	FXX	[375]
	The Story Behind	Pop	[376]
January 15	*The Man in the High Castle*	Amazon Video	[377]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 16	*12 Monkeys*	Syfy	[378]
	The Adventures of Puss in Boots	Netflix	[379]
	World's Funniest	Fox	[365]
January 17	*Bella and the Bulldogs*	Nickelodeon	[380]
January 18	*K.C. Undercover*	Disney Channel	[381]
January 19	*The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*	Comedy Central	[382]
January 21	*Best New Restaurant*	Bravo	[383]
January 22	*Backstrom*	Fox	[365]
	This Is Not Happening	Comedy Central	[384]
January 29	*Duff Till Dawn*	Food Network	[385]
	Fortitude	Pivot	[386]
February 4	*Fresh Off the Boat*	ABC	[387]
February 5	*Allegiance*	NBC	[388]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
February 6	*Miles from Tomorrowland*	Disney Junior	[389]
February 7	*Kill la Kill*	Adult Swim	[390]
February 8	*Better Call Saul*	AMC	[391]
February 11	*Schitt's Creek*	Pop	[376]
February 13	*Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero*	Disney XD	[392]
February 17	*Our Little Family*	TLC	[393]
	Repeat After Me	ABC	[394]
February 19	*The Odd Couple*	CBS	[395]
February 20	*Richie Rich*	Netflix	[396]
	The Jack and Triumph Show	Adult Swim	[397]
February 24	*Outlaw Country*	WGN America	[372]
February 25	*Dinner at Tiffani's*	Cooking Channel	[398]
February 28	*Good Witch*	Hallmark Channel	[399]
March 1	*The Last Man on Earth*	Fox	[365]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Secrets and Lies	ABC	[400]
	The Wonder List	CNN	[401]
	Battle Creek	CBS	[402]
March 4	*CSI: Cyber*	CBS	[402]
March 5	*Dig*	USA Network	[403]
March 5	*American Crime*	ABC	[400]
March 6	*In an Instant*	ABC	[404]
March 6	*Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*	Netflix	[405]
March 9	*The Returned*	A&E	[406]
March 10	*Powers*	PlayStation Network	[407]
March 14	*Transformers: Robots in Disguise*	Cartoon Network	[408]
March 15	*The Royals*	E!	[409][410]
March 17	*iZombie*	The CW	[411]
March 17	*One Big Happy*	NBC	[388]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
March 20	*Bloodline*	Netflix	[412]
March 23	*The Late Late Show with James Corden*	CBS	[88]
	Sin City Saints	Yahoo! Screen	[413]
March 25	*Big Time in Hollywood, FL*	Comedy Central	[384]
March 28	*Monopoly Millionaire's Club*	Syndication	[414]
	Sword Art Online II	Adult Swim	[415]
March 29	*Harvey Beaks*	Nickelodeon	[416]
March 30	*Star vs. the Forces of Evil*	Disney XD	[417]
March 31	*Weird Loners*	Fox	[365]
	Younger	TV Land	[418]
April 2	*Lip Sync Battle*	Spike	[419]
	Olympus	Syfy	[420]
April 3	*The Grace Helbig Show*	E!	[421]
April 5	*Happyish*	Showtime	[422]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
April 6	*Make It Pop*	Nickelodeon	[423]
April 7	*Your Family or Mine*	TBS	[424]
April 9	*The Comedians*	FX	[425]
April 10	*Daredevil*	Netflix	[426]
April 14	*Other Space*	Yahoo! Screen	[427]
April 17	*Cedric's Barber Battle*	The CW	[411]
	The Messengers		
May 1	*Beyond the Tank*	ABC	[428]
May 8	*Grace and Frankie*	Netflix	[429]
May 14	*Wayward Pines*	Fox	[430]
May 20	*500 Questions*	ABC	[431]
May 22	*The Hustlers*	TruTV	[432]
	American Diner Revival	Food Network	[433]
May 26	*The Island*	NBC	[434]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	I Can Do That		[435]
May 27	*Bullseye*	Fox	[436]
	The Briefcase	CBS	[437]
May 28	*Aquarius*	NBC	[438]
May 30	*100 Things to Do Before High School*	Nickelodeon	[439]
June 1	*The Whispers*	ABC	[431]
June 2	*Stitchers*	ABC Family	[440]
June 5	*Catching Monsters*	Discovery Channel	[441]
	Sense8	Netflix	[442]
June 14	*Humans*	AMC	[443]
June 15	*The Making of the Mob*		[444]
	Fresh Beat Band of Spies	Nickelodeon	[445]
June 16	*Proof*	TNT	[446]
	Clipped	TBS	[447]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
June 17	*Deutschland 83*	SundanceTV	[448]
June 18	*The Astronaut Wives Club*	ABC	[449]
June 19	*Killjoys*	Syfy	[450]
June 20	*Michiko and Hatchin*	Adult Swim	[451]
June 21	*Ballers*	HBO	[452]
	The Brink		
June 23	*Another Period*	Comedy Central	[453]
June 24	*Mr. Robot*	USA Network	[454]
June 25	*Boom!*	Fox	[455]
June 26	*Best Friends Whenever*	Disney Channel	[456]
June 30	*Scream*	MTV	[457]
	Zoo	CBS	[458]
July 6	*Lego Star Wars: Droid Tales*	Disney XD	[459]
July 8	*Million Dollar Listing San Francisco*	Bravo	[460]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Why? with Hannibal Buress	Comedy Central	[461]
July 9	*Dates*	The CW	[462]
	One Bad Choice	MTV	[463]
July 10	*Mutt & Stuff*	Nickelodeon	[464]
July 13	*Monica the Medium*	ABC Family	[440]
July 15	*Blue Collar Millionaires*	CNBC	[465]
	I Am Jazz	TLC	[*citation needed*]
	The Jim Gaffigan Show	TV Land	[466]
July 16	*Sex&Drugs&Rock&Roll*	FX	[467]
	Geeks Who Drink	Syfy	[450]
July 18	*Pig Goat Banana Cricket*	Nickelodeon	[468]
July 19	*Save My Life: Boston Trauma*	ABC	[469]
July 21	*Knock Knock Live*	Fox	[*citation needed*]
July 22	*Home Free*		[470]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything	Disney XD	[471]
July 25	*Boston EMS*	ABC	[469]
	Race to Escape	Science	[472]
July 26	*I Am Cait*	E!	[473]
July 27	*We Bare Bears*	Cartoon Network	[474]
July 29	*Fameless*	TruTV	[432]
July 31	*Cold Justice: Sex Crimes*	TNT	[446]
	Bunk'd	Disney Channel	[475]
August 1	*Akame ga Kill!*	Adult Swim	[451]
August 3	*Ice & Coco*	Syndication	[*citation needed*]
	Significant Mother	The CW	[462]
August 4	*West Texas Investors Club*	CNBC	[465]
August 5	*A Wicked Offer*	The CW	[462]
	Mr. Robinson	NBC	[388]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Job or No Job	ABC Family	[440]
August 11	*Next Step Realty: NYC*		[440]
	Startup U		[440]
August 12	*Kevin from Work*		[440]
	Make Me A Millionaire Investor	CNBC	[465]
August 18	*Six Degrees of Everything*	TruTV	[432]
August 20	*Documentary Now!*	IFC	[476]
August 22	*Blunt Talk*	Starz	[477]
August 23	*Fear the Walking Dead*	AMC	[478]
August 24	*Shimmer and Shine*	Nickelodeon	[445]
August 25	*Public Morals*	TNT	[479]
August 26	*The Carmichael Show*	NBC	[480]
August 28	*Narcos*	Netflix	[481]
August 31	*Todrick*	MTV	[463]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Girl Code Live		[463]
September 7	*Pickle and Peanut*	Disney XD	[482][483]
	Total Drama Presents: The Ridonculous Race	Cartoon Network	[484]
September 8	*The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*	CBS	[276]
September 12	*Game Shakers*	Nickelodeon	[citation needed]
	Goldie & Bear	Disney Junior	[485]
September 14	*FABLife*	Syndication	[486][487]
	Crime Watch Daily		[488]
	Crazy Talk		[489]
	The Social (American premiere)		[490]
	Hollywood Today Live (exclusive to stations owned by Fox Television Stations and Media General)		[491]
	Corrupt Crimes (selected markets)		[492]
September	*The Bastard Executioner*	FX	[493]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
15	*Best Time Ever with Neil Patrick Harris*	NBC	[494]
September 16	*Moonbeam City*	Comedy Central	[495]
September 20	*Dash Dolls*	E!	[496]
September 21	*Blindspot*	NBC	[494]
	Minority Report	Fox	[497]
	Wabbit	Cartoon Network, Boomerang	[498]
	CBS Overnight News	CBS	[*citation needed*]
	Life in Pieces		[499]
September 22	*Limitless*		[499]
	The Muppets	ABC	[500]
	Scream Queens	Fox	[497]
September 23	*Rosewood*		
September	*The Player*	NBC	[494]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
24			
September 26	*Guardians of the Galaxy*	Disney XD	[501]
September 27	*Blood & Oil*	ABC	[502]
	Quantico		
September 28	*The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*	Comedy Central	[503]
	MTP Daily	MSNBC	[504]
September 29	*Grandfathered*	Fox	[497]
	The Grinder		
September 30	*Code Black*	CBS	[499]
October 1	*Benders*	IFC	[505]
	Gigi Does It		[506]
October 2	*Dr. Ken*	ABC	[500]
October 4	*50/50*	Travel Channel	[507]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson (exclusive to stations owned and/or operated by the Sinclair Broadcast Group)	Syndication	[508]
October 5	*Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!*	Cartoon Network, Boomerang	[498]
	WITS Academy	Nickelodeon	[509]
	Yo-kai Watch	Disney XD	[510]
October 7	*Casual*	Hulu	[511]
	Jay Leno's Garage	CNBC	[512]
October 8	*SuperMansion*	Crackle	[513]
October 9	*The Mr. Peabody & Sherman Show*	Netflix	[514]
October 10	*The Last Kingdom*	BBC America	[515]
October 12	*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*	The CW	[516]
October 16	*Truth Be Told*	NBC	[494]
October 21	*Love at First Kiss*	VH1	[517]
October 26	*Black Ink Crew: Chicago*		[518]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Supergirl	CBS	[519]
October 27	*Wicked City*	ABC	[502]
October 31	*Ash vs Evil Dead*	Starz	[520]
November 6	*Master of None*	Netflix	[521]
November 8	*Agent X*	TNT	[522]
	Matter of Fact with Fernando Espuelas (exclusive to stations owned and operated by Hearst Television)	Syndication	[523]
November 10	*Donny!*	USA Network	[524]
November 13	*W/ Bob and David*	Netflix	[521]
November 15	*Into the Badlands*	AMC	[525]
November 17	*Chicago Med*	NBC	[494]
November 18	*River*	Netflix	[521]
November	*The Art of More*	Crackle	[526]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
19			
November 20	*Jessica Jones*	Netflix	[521]
November 22	*The Lion Guard*	Disney Channel	[527]
November 25	*Christmas Through the Decades*	History Channel	[528]
	Nature Cat	PBS Kids	
November 30	*Superstore*	NBC	[529]
December 2	*Rev Runs Around the World*	Travel Channel	[530]
	Santas in the Barn	TruTV	[531]
December 6	*Work Out New York*	Bravo	[532]
December 7	*Telenovela*	NBC	[529]
December 13	*Married By Mom and Dad*	TLC	[533]
December 14	*The Expanse*	Syfy	[534]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
December 16	*The Magicians*		[535]
December 18	*F Is for Family*	Netflix	[536]
	Making a Murderer		[537]
December 24	*Dawn of the Croods*		[538]

Miniseries debuting in 2015[edit]

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
February 8	*The Jinx*	HBO	[539]
February 12	*The Slap*	NBC	[388]
February 16	*The Book of Negroes*	BET	[540]
April 5	*A.D. The Bible Continues*	NBC	[388]
	American Odyssey		
	Sinatra: All or Nothing at All	HBO	[541]
April 29	*The Casual Vacancy*		[542]
June 7	*Serial Thriller: Angel of Decay*	Investigation Discovery	[175]

June 13	*Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell*	BBC America	[543]
July 8	*The Spoils Before Dying*	IFC	[544]
August 16	*Show Me a Hero*	HBO	[545]
September 24	*Heroes Reborn*	NBC	[494]
November 8	*Flesh and Bone*	Starz	[546]
November 30	*Long Live the Royals*	Cartoon Network	
December 7	*Neon Joe, Werewolf Hunter*	Adult Swim	[547]
December 14	*Childhood's End*	Syfy	[534]

Television films and specials[edit]

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
January 17	*Whitney*	Lifetime	[548]
	Bridal Wave	Hallmark Channel	[549]
January 24	*Love By The Book*		[549]
January 31	*Beautiful & Twisted*	Lifetime	[550]

February 13	*Bad Hair Day*	Disney Channel	[551]
February 21	*Bagboy*	Adult Swim	[552]
May 16	*Bessie*	HBO	[553]
May 29	*Nightingale*		[554]
June 20	*A Deadly Adoption*	Lifetime	[555]
June 26	*Teen Beach 2*	Disney Channel	[556]
July 11	*7 Days in Hell*	HBO	[557]
July 22	*Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!*	Syfy	[450]
July 31	*Descendants*	Disney Channel	[558]
September 27	*Immortality* (*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* finale film)	CBS	[559]
October 16	*Beasts of No Nation*	Netflix	[560]
November 2	*The Leisure Class*	HBO	[561]
December 3	*The Wiz Live!*	NBC	[562]
December 4	*A Very Murray Christmas*	Netflix	[560]
December 11	*The Ridiculous Six*		[560]

Programs returning in 2015[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

<table>
<tr><th>Show</th><th>Last aired</th><th>Previous channel</th><th>New/returning/same channel</th><th>Return date</th><th>Source</th></tr>
<tr><td>Oggy and the Cockroaches</td><td>1999</td><td>Fox Kids</td><td>Nickelodeon</td><td>February 23</td><td>[563]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?</td><td>2011</td><td>Syndication</td><td>Fox</td><td>May 26</td><td>[564]</td></tr>
<tr><td>BattleBots</td><td>2002</td><td>Comedy Central</td><td rowspan="2">ABC</td><td rowspan="2">June 21</td><td rowspan="2">[431]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Celebrity Family Feud</td><td>2008</td><td rowspan="2">NBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>NASCAR on NBC</td><td>2006</td><td>same/NBCSN</td><td>July 5</td><td>[565]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Chain Reaction</td><td>2007</td><td>GSN</td><td>same</td><td>July 16</td><td>[566]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Punk'd</td><td>2012</td><td>MTV</td><td>BET</td><td>August 18</td><td>[567]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Project Greenlight</td><td>2005</td><td>Bravo</td><td>HBO</td><td>September 13</td><td>[568]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Heroes</td><td>2010</td><td>NBC</td><td>same</td><td>September 24</td><td>[494]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Unforgettable</td><td>2014</td><td>CBS</td><td>A&E</td><td>November 13</td><td>[569]</td></tr>
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Programs changing networks[edit]

The following shows aired new episodes on a different network than previous first-run episodes.

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
The Mindy Project	Fox	Hulu	[570]
You're the Worst	FX	FXX	[571]
Billy on the Street	Fuse	truTV	[572]
Community	NBC	Yahoo! Screen	[573]
Highly Questionable	ESPN2	ESPN	[574]
Impact Wrestling	Spike	Destination America	[575]
Longmire	A&E	Netflix	[576]
Married at First Sight	fyi	fyi / A&E	[577]
Fox NFL Kickoff	Fox Sports 1	Fox	[578]
Single Ladies	VH1	Centric	[579]
Going Deep with David Rees	National Geographic Channel	Esquire Network	[580]
Jay Leno's Garage	NBC.com	CNBC	[581]
Hoarders	A&E	Lifetime	[582]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Ancient Aliens	H2	History	[583]

Milestone episodes in 2015[edit]

Show	Network	Episode #	Episode title	Episode air date	Source
Blue Bloods	CBS	100th	"Baggage"	January 9	[584]
Mike & Molly			"Mike Check"	February 2	[585]
Steve Harvey	Syndicated	500th	N/A	April 27	[586]
Family Guy	Fox	250th	"Fighting Irish"	May 3	[587]
My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic	Discovery Family	100th	"Slice of Life"	June 13	[588]
Melissa & Joey	ABC Family		"Melissa & Joey's Frozen"	July 8	[589]
Grey's Anatomy	ABC	250th	"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"	October 22	[590][591]
Impractical Jokers	TruTv	100th	"The Taunted House"	October 15	

Programs ending in 2015[edit]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source

January 2	*Moyers & Company*	PBS	2012	Ended	[592]
January 3	*Black Dynamite*	Adult Swim	2012	Ended	[593]
January 3	*Huckabee*	Fox News Channel	2008	Ended	[5]
January 22	*A to Z*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[594]
January 22	*Bad Judge*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[594]
January 22	*The Taste*	ABC	2013	Canceled	[595]
January 25	*Resurrection*	ABC	2014	Canceled	[595]
January 29	*Parenthood*	NBC	2010	Ended	[596]
February 7	*Red Band Society*	Fox	2014	Canceled	[597]
February 10	*Ground Floor*	TBS	2013	Canceled	[598]
February 13	*Constantine*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[599]
February 15	*Mulaney*	Fox	2014	Canceled	[600]
February 16	*State of Affairs*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[599]
February 17	*About a Boy*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[599]
February 17	*Marry Me*	NBC	2014	Canceled	[599]

February 18	*The Mentalist*	CBS	2008	Ended	[601]
February 19	*Two and a Half Men*		2003		[395]
February 24	*Parks and Recreation*	NBC	2009		[602]
February 27	*Ronan Farrow Daily*	MSNBC	2014	Canceled	[603]
	The Reid Report				
March 5	*Allegiance*	NBC	2015		[604]
March 6	*The Queen Latifah Show*	Syndication	2013		[605]
March 16	*Eye Candy*	MTV	2015		[606]
March 20	*Glee*	Fox	2009	Ended	[607]
March 24	*Kroll Show*	Comedy Central	2013		[608]
March 25	*Kickin' It*	Disney XD	2011		[609]
March 27	*Hart of Dixie*	The CW		Canceled	[610]
	Let's Ask America	Syndication	2012		[611]
March 28	*The Suze Orman Show*	CNBC	2002	Ended	[612]
March 31	*Cougar Town*	TBS	2009		[613]

April 10	*Helix*	Syfy	2014	Canceled	[614]
April 14	*Justified*	FX	2010	Ended	[615]
April 14	*Brickleberry*	Comedy Central	2012	Canceled	[616]
April 14	*Sirens*	USA Network	2014	Canceled	[617]
April 17	*Cristela*	ABC	2014	Canceled	[595]
April 17	*The Daily Buzz*	Broadcast syndication Youtoo America	2002	Canceled	[107]
April 28	*One Big Happy*	NBC	2015	Canceled	[599]
April 30	*Backstrom*	Fox	2015	Canceled	[618]
May 5	*Weird Loners*	Fox	2015	Canceled	[619]
May 5	*Forever*	ABC	2014	Canceled	[595]
May 10	*Revenge*	ABC	2011	Canceled	[620]
May 11	*The Returned*	A&E	2015	Canceled	[621]
May 17	*Mad Men*	AMC	2007	Ended	[622]
May 18	*The Following*	Fox	2013	Canceled	[618]
May 18	*Stalker*	CBS	2014	Canceled	[623]

May 19	*19 Kids and Counting*	TLC	2008		[624]
May 20	*Late Show with David Letterman*	CBS	1993	Ended	[151]
May 24	*Battle Creek*		2015	Canceled	[623]
May 29	*Imus in the Morning*	FBN	1996	Ended	[625]
June 3	*Hot in Cleveland*	TV Land	2010		[626]
June 12	*Phineas and Ferb*	Disney Channel	2007		[627]
June 28	*Nurse Jackie*	Showtime	2009		[628]
July 11	*The McCarthys*	CBS	2014	Canceled	[629]
July 28	*Knock Knock Live*	Fox	2015		[630]
July 31	*The Cycle*	MSNBC	2012		[631]
	The Ed Show		2009		
	Now with Alex Wagner		2011		
August 2	*Degrassi: The Next Generation*	TeenNick	2001		[632]
August 5	*Melissa & Joey*	ABC Family	2010		[633]

August 6	*The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*	Comedy Central	1999	Ended	[244]
August 18	*Clipped*	TBS	2015	Canceled	[634]
August 18	*Proof*	TNT	2015	Canceled	[635]
August 19	*Mr. Robinson*	NBC	2015	Canceled	[636]
August 23	*The Brink*	HBO	2015	Canceled	[637]
August 26	*Key & Peele*	Comedy Central	2012	Ended	[638]
August 29	*Hannibal*	NBC	2013	Canceled	[639]
August 30	*Aqua Teen Hunger Force*	Adult Swim	2000	Ended	[640]
August 30	*Falling Skies*	TNT	2011	Ended	[641]
August 31	*The Whispers*	ABC	2015	Canceled	[642]
September 10	*Under the Dome*	CBS	2013	Canceled	[643]
September 16	*The Exes*	TV Land	2011	Canceled	[644]
September 18	*Up to the Minute*	CBS	1992	Canceled	[645]

September 19	*Sábado Gigante*	Univision	1962	Ended	[293]
September 25	*Dog with a Blog*	Disney Channel	2012		[646]
	Wake Up with Al	The Weather Channel	2009	Canceled	[647]
September 27	*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*	CBS	2000		[559]
October 9	*Strike Back*	Cinemax	2010	Ended	[648]
October 16	*Jessie*	Disney Channel	2011		[649]
	I Didn't Do It		2014	Canceled	[650]
October 20	*Public Morals*	TNT	2015		[651]
November 3	*Best Time Ever with Neil Patrick Harris*	NBC			[652]
November 10	*Wicked City*	ABC			[653]
November 17	*The Bastard Executioner*	FX			[654]
November 19	*The Player*	NBC			[655]
November	*Minority Report*	Fox			[656]

30	*Henry Hugglemonster*	Disney Junior	2013	Ended	[657]
December 4	*America's Next Top Model*	The CW	2003		[658]
December 9	*The League*	FXX	2009		[659]
December 13	*Getting On*	HBO	2013		[660]
December 15	*Donny!*	USA Network	2015	Canceled	[661]
	Finding Carter	MTV	2014		[662]
	Manhattan	WGN America			[663]
December 17	*Haven*	Syfy	2010		[664]
December 18	*The Soup*	E!	2004		[665]
	Satisfaction	USA Network	2014		[666]
December 19	*Instant Mom*	Nick at Nite	2013		[667]
December 26	*Da Vinci's Demons*	Starz			[668]

Programs entering syndication in 2015[edit]

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (3 or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
2 Broke Girls	4	Yes	[669]
Last Man Standing			[414]
Person of Interest			
Elementary	3		
Rookie Blue	5		
Rizzoli & Isles	6		
Tosh.0	7		[670]

Television stations[edit]

Station launches[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	affiliation	Source
January 2	Quincy, Illinois/Hannibal, Missouri/Keokuk, Iowa	KHQA-DT3	7.3	Grit TV	[671]
May 25	St. Louis, Missouri	KBGU-LP	33.1 33.2 33.3	MundoMax (DT1) Estrella TV (DT2) Video Mix TV (DT3)	[672]
May 28	Nashville, Tennessee	WSMV-DT3	4.3	Cozi TV	[*citation needed*]

June 1	Jonesboro, Arkansas	KJNB-LD	39.1	Fox (primary) The CW (secondary)	[169][673]
June 12	Jackson, Tennessee	WYJJ-LD3	27.3	Doctor Television Channel (DrTV)	[citation needed]
July 1	Wausau, Wisconsin	WZAW-LD	55.1 55.2 55.3	Fox (DT1) Me-TV (DT2) Movies! (DT3)	[208]
August 1	Jonesboro, Arkansas	KJNB-LD2	39.2	CBS	[674][675]
		KJNE-LP	42.1 42.2	Fox CBS	[676]
August 18	Tyler, Texas	KDKJ-LD	27.1 27.2 27.3	Estrella TV Azteca America (DT2) DrTV (DT3)	[677]
September 1	Helena, Montana	KUHM-TV	10.2 10.3 10.4 10.5	PBS Kids (DT2) Create (DT3) PBS World (DT4) TVMT (DT5)	[678]
November 22	Utica, New York	WKTV-DT4	2.4	Me-TV (moves from digital channel 2.3; see below section for information)	[679]
November 23	White House/Nashville, Tennessee	WKUW-LD	40.1	DrTV	[680][681]
December 8	Tyler, Texas	KDKJ-LD	27.4	Buzzr	[682]

Stations changing network affiliation[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Source
January 1	Atlantic City, New Jersey	WMGM-TV	40.1	NBC	Soul of the South Network	[683]
	Derry/Manchester, New Hampshire/ Boston, Massachusetts	WBIN-TV	50.2	Live Well Network	Antenna TV	[684]
	Indianapolis/Kokomo, Indiana	WTTV/WTTK	4.1/29.1	The CW	CBS	[685]
	Indianapolis	WISH-TV	8.1	CBS	The CW	[686]
	Mayagüez, PR	WORA-TV	5.1	Univision	Telemundo	
	Aguadilla, PR	WOLE-DT	12.1	Telemundo	Univision	
January 16	Milwaukee	WDJT-TV	58.4	TouchVision	Decades	[687]
	New York City	WCBS-TV	2.2	CBS New York Plus		[688]
	Philadelphia	KYW-TV	3.2	CBS Philly Plus		[citation needed]
January 26	Casper, Wyoming	KWYF-LD	26.1	The CW	MeTV	[689]
		KFNB	20.2	None	The CW	

	Jonesboro, Arkansas	KAIT	8.2	Weather	NBC	[690]
February 3	New Bern/Greenville, North Carolina	WCTI-TV	12.2	Live Well Network	Decades	[citation needed]
May 5	Jackson, Tennessee	WYJJ-LD	27.1	Soul of the South (primary)	Antenna TV (primary) (remains secondary MyNetworkTV affiliate)	[citation needed]
June 1	Dallas–Fort Worth	KDFI	27.3	Bounce TV	Buzzr	[691]
	Los Angeles	KCOP-TV	13.2			
	Orlando	WRBW	65.3			
	Secaucus, New Jersey/New York City	WWOR-TV	9.3			
May 27	Alexandria/Nashville, Tennessee	WRTN-LD3	6.3	Cozi TV	Retro TV	[680] [681]
May 30	Nashville, Tennessee	WKRN-DT3	2.3	Live Well Network	Simulcast of station's second subchannel	[680]
June 12	Jackson, Tennessee	WYJJ-LD2	27.2	Doctor Television Channel	Bounce TV (DrTV moves to 27.3)	

July 1	Bryan/College Station, Texas	KYLE-TV	28.1	Fox (as satellite of KWKT-TV)	MyNetworkTV	[692]
	Lafayette, Louisiana	KLAF-LD	46.1	MyNetworkTV	NBC	[693][694]
	Laredo, Texas	KYLX-LP	13.1	silent	CBS	[208]
	Toccoa–Atlanta	WGTA	32.1 32.2 32.3	World/GPB	Heroes & Icons (32.1) Decades (32.2) Movies! (32.3)	[695]
August 10	Fajardo, PR	WRUA	8.1	The Retro Channel	Tiva TV	
September 1	Helena, Montana	KMTF	10.1	The CW	PBS (as KUHM-TV)	[208]
September 11	Alexandria/Nashville, Tennessee	WRTN-LD3	6.3	Retro TV	Antenna TV	[680] [681]
September 21	Nashville, Tennessee	WTVF-DT3	5.3	This TV	Laff	[696]
September 30		WRTN-LD5 WRTN-LD6	6.5 6.6	Tuff TV Independent (Locally operated movie channel)	Retro TV This TV	[680] [681]
November 1	Chattanooga, Tennessee	WTVC	9.2	This TV	Fox	[697][698]
		WFLI-TV	53.2	MeTV (moves to 53.3)	MyNetworkTV	
		WDSI-TV	61.1	Fox	This TV	
			61.2	MyNetworkTV	Comet	
November 22	Utica, New York	WKTV	2.2	The CW (via The CW Plus)	CBS	[679]
			2.3	Me-TV	The CW	

					(via The CW Plus)	
December 8	Amarillo, Texas	KLKW-LD	22.2	DrTV	GetTV	[citation needed]
	Bowling Green, Kentucky	WCZU-LD	39.2	DrTV	Buzzr	[682]
	Fayetteville, Arkansas	KAJL-LD	16.2	DrTV	Grit	[citation needed]
	Little Rock, Arkansas	KQPS-LD	19.2	DrTV	Laff	[citation needed]
	Lubbock, Texas	KNKC-LD	29.2	DrTV	GetTV	[citation needed]
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	WTSJ-LP	38.2	Azteca	Buzzr	[682]
	Montgomery, Alabama	WDSF-LD	19.2	DrTV	Buzzr	[682]
	Pittsburg, Kansas–Joplin, Missouri	KPJO-LP	49.2	DrTV	GetTV	[citation needed]
	St. Louis, Missouri	KBGU-LP	33.1	MundoMax	Buzzr	[682]
	Tyler, Texas	KDKJ-LD	27.3	DrTV	GetTV	[citation needed]
	White House/Nashville, Tennessee	WKUW-LD	40.1	DrTV	Buzzr	[681][682]
December 31	Nashville, Tennessee	WKRN-DT3	2.3	Simulcast of station's second subchannel	Justice Network	[680][681]

Station closures[edit]

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Sign-on date	Source

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<tr><td>January 1</td><td>Donna Douglas</td><td rowspan="2">82</td><td>Actress, singer, and children's book author, best known as Elly May Clampett on The Beverly Hillbillies (other credits include playing the key character in The Twilight Zone episode "The Eye of the Beholder", Love, American Style, Hee Haw and The Nanny)</td><td>[699]</td></tr>
<tr><td>January 2</td><td>Robert Magruder</td><td>American actor and television/radio voiceover personality, known for his narration of the filmed investigations on Cheaters</td><td>[700]</td></tr>
<tr><td>January 4</td><td>Stuart Scott</td><td>49</td><td>ESPN personality (anchor of SportsCenter, studio host for NFL and NBA coverage on both ESPN and ABC)</td><td>[701]</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Rod Taylor</td><td>84</td><td>Australian-born American actor (Credits include Hong Kong, Bearcats!, and The Oregon Trail)</td><td>[703]</td></tr>
<tr><td>January 9</td><td>Bud Paxson</td><td>80</td><td>American radio and television owner and executive (founder of WNYP-TV/Jamestown, New York, Home Shopping Network, Paxson Communications and PAX TV)</td><td>[704]</td></tr>
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January 10	George Dickerson	81	American actor	[705]
	Taylor Negron	57	American actor, comedian, playwright, poet, and painter (Credits includes regular roles in *So Little Time* and *Smart Guy*; guest roles in *Seinfeld*, *Friends*, and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*)	[706]
January 12	Darrell Winfield	85	Model and rancher known as the Marlboro Man in the 1960–1980s.	[707]
January 13	H. Wesley Kenney	89	American producer and director, was executive producer for *Days of Our Lives* (1977–1979, also directed from 1968 to 1979); *The Young and the Restless* (1982–1987); *General Hospital* (1987–1989, was also head writer briefly during the 1988 WGA strike); and directed episodes of *All in the Family*.	[708]
January 15	Sid Smith	93	American director and producer (*All Star Revue*, *The Colgate Comedy Hour*, *The Jimmy Durante Show*, *The Ray Anthony Show* and *The Bell Telephone Hour*) and several Bob Hope specials	[709]
January 17	Don Harron	90	Canadian actor, writer, and radio personality (best known for appearances as Charlie Farquharson on *Hee Haw*)	[710]
	Greg Plitt	37	American fitness model and actor (starred in the Bravo series *Work Out*)	[711]
January 18	Tony Verna	81	Producer/director (notably with CBS Sports and live events including Live Aid) and inventor of instant replay	[712]

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January 19	Walter Peregoy	89	American animator	[713]
January 20	Bette Rogge	92	Talk show host	[714]
January 22	Peggy Charren	86	Children's television advocate and co-founder of Action for Children's Television	[715]
January 23	Barrie Ingham	82	English actor	[716]
January 24	Joe Franklin	88	Host of *The Joe Franklin Show*, the longest continuously running talk show in television history, from 1950 to 1993	[717]
January 26	Stephen R. Johnson	62	American director, animator and writer, directed episodes of *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*	[718]
January 28	Tommie Manderson	102	English make-up artist	[*citation needed*]
January 30	Than Wyenn	95	American actor (*Zorro*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Wanted: Dead or Alive*, *It Takes a Thief*, *Barnaby Jones*, *The Six Million Dollar Man* and *Quincy M.E.*)	[719]
January 31	Robert Blees	96	American writer and producer (*Bus Stop*, *Combat!*, *Kraft Suspense Theatre*, *Bonanza* and *Project U.F.O.*)	[720]

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February 1	Edward De Blasio	88	American producer and writer known for *Police Woman*, *Dynasty* and *In the Heat of the Night*.	[721]
February 3	Mary Healy	96	American actress, known for *Peter Loves Mary*	[722]
February 7	Joe Voci	51	American producer (*High Society*, *Cupid*, *Mercy Point*, *Young Americans*, *Rude Awakening* and *Good Girls Don't*)	[723]
February 11	Lou Shaw	89	American writer and producer (*The Rebel*, *Have Gun – Will Travel*, *McCloud*, *Beyond Westworld*, *Quincy M.E.*, *The Fall Guy* and *Half Nelson*)	[*citation needed*]
	Bob Simon	73	Correspondent for CBS News (most notably for *60 Minutes*)	[724]
February 13	Gary Owens	80	American disc jockey and voice actor, was the announcer for *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, other credits include *Roger Ramjet*, *Space Ghost*, *Dynomutt, Dog Wonder*, *Garfield and Friends*, *Square One TV*, and *SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron*, also wrote for Jay Ward Productions and served as vice president of Gannett Company	[725]
	Stan Chambers	91	American reporter, worked at KTLA from 1947 to 2010.	[726]
February 16	Lesley Gore	68	American singer/songwriter, actress, and LGBT activist (TV credits including *Batman*, *In the Life*, *Murphy Brown*, *Hollywood Squares*, *All My Children* (sister show to *One Life to Live*) and *Days of*	[727]

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			Our Lives)	
February 19	Harris Wittels	30	American comedian, actor, writer, producer and musician. Writer for *The Sarah Silverman Program*, writer and executive producer for *Parks and Recreation*.	[728]
February 20	Patricia Norris	83	American costume designer (*Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*, *Helter Skelter*, *Sybil* and *The Waltons*)	[729]
February 21	Paul Napier	84	American actor (*Felony Squad*, *The Mothers-In-Law*, *Knots Landing*)	[730]
February 23	Ben Woolf	34	American actor, best known for playing Meep in *American Horror Story: Freak Show*	[731]
February 24	Maurice Hurley	75	American producer and writer (*The Equalizer*, *Miami Vice*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*, *Pointman* and *Baywatch*)	[732]
	Mirjana Puhar	19	American model and reality television participant (*America's Next Top Model*)	[733]
February 27	Richard Bakalyan	84	American actor (*The Untouchables*, *Batman*, *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*, *Vega$* and *Charlie's Angels*)	[734]
	Leonard Nimoy	83	Television, film and stage actor, best known as Spock on the original *Star Trek* TV series and its film adaptations; other roles include the lead in the TV movie *Baffled!*, Morris Meyerson in *A Woman Called Golda*, Paris in *Mission: Impossible*, host of *In Search of…* and *Standby: Lights, Camera, Action*,	[735]

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			among numerous other roles	
March 1	Daniel von Bargen	64	Actor, best known for recurring roles in *Seinfeld*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *Guiding Light* and *All My Children*	[736]
March 2	Jenna McMahon	89	Actress (*The Funny Side*, *Love, American Style*) and writer (*The Carol Burnett Show*, *The Facts of Life*, *Mama's Family*)	[737]
March 3	Lynn Borden	77	American actress (*Hazel*)	[738]
March 4	Harve Bennett	84	American producer and writer (*The Mod Squad*, *The Invisible Man*, *Rich Man, Poor Man*, *Gemini Man*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *The Bionic Woman*, *Salvage 1*, *Time Trax* and *Invasion America*)	[739]
March 5	Gordon Kent		American writer, producer and animator (*Alvin and the Chipmunks*, *CBS Storybreak*, *Teen Wolf*, *G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero*, *Garbage Pail Kids*, *Timeless Tales from Hallmark*, *Taz-Mania* and *Bonkers*)	[740]
March 6	John Siceloff	61	American journalist, was a longtime producer for PBS	[741]
March 8	Sam Simon	59	American producer, director, and writer (*Taxi*, *Cheers*, *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, *The Tracey Ullman Show*, *The Simpsons*, *The George Carlin Show* and *The Drew Carey Show*)	[742]
March 9	Eugene Patton	82	Stagehand at NBC Studios, Burbank and personality on *The Gong Show* ("Gene Gene the Dancing Machine"). First African American member of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage	[743]

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			Employees, Local 33.	
March 10	Windell Middlebrooks	36	American actor, seen in Miller High Life beer ads and on several TV series (*The Suite Life on Deck*, *Hannah Montana*, *My Name Is Earl*, *Chocolate News*, *Entourage*, *Scrubs*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Body of Proof*)	[744]
March 11	Ralph Taeger	78	American actor, starred in the short-lived series *Klondike*, *Acapulco* and *Hondo*.	[745]
	William Beckley	85	American actor (*Barnaby Jones* and *Dynasty*)	[*citation needed*]
March 15	Sally Forrest	86	American actress	[746]
March 17	Christie Schoen Codd	38	Husband-and-wife film/TV workers (Christie was an actress, stuntwoman, caterer and reality TV contestant; Joseph was a stage grip on TV and film projects)	[747]
	Joseph Codd	45		
March 20	Lisa Colagrossi	49	News reporter on WABC-TV/New York City. Also worked at WKMG-TV/Orlando (where she won two local Emmy Awards); and WKYC-TV/Cleveland	[748]
March 21	John Litvack	69	Director (soap operas including *The Edge of Night* and *Guiding Light*), producer (*Hill Street Blues*, *Smallville*), and executive with CBS, NBC, Walt Disney Television, and The WB	[749]

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	Alberta Watson	60	Canadian actress (notable roles including *La Femme Nikita*, *24*, and *Nikita*)	[750]
March 25	George Fischbeck	92	TV meteorologist, most notably at KABC-TV from 1972 to 1990	[751]
March 27	Rod Hundley	80	Former NBA player and broadcaster for the New Orleans/Utah Jazz, Phoenix Suns, Los Angeles Lakers, and TVS Television Network	[752]
March 28	Richard L. Bare	101	Director/writer (work on several series, most notably *The Twilight Zone* and *Green Acres*)	[753]
April 2	Robert H. Schuller	88	American minister and televangelist (founder of Crystal Cathedral Ministries; co-host of the *Hour of Power*, 1970–2008)	[754]
April 4	Lisa Simon	64	Producer/director, most notably for work on *Sesame Street*	[755]
April 5	Richard Dysart	86	Actor, best known for his Emmy Award-winning role as Leland McKenzie on *L.A. Law*	[756]
April 6	James Best	88	Actor, best known as Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane on *The Dukes of Hazzard*	[757]
	Ray Charles	96	American musician, singer and songwriter; sang the theme song for *Three's Company*.	[758]
	Ben Powers	64	Actor, best known as Keith Anderson on *Good Times*	[759]

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April 7	Stan Freberg	88	Advertising executive, satirist and voice actor (participated in *Time for Beany*, developed commercials for Jeno's pizza rolls, Cheerios, Sunsweet prunes, Heinz soup, Jacobsen Mowers, and Encyclopædia Britannica)	[760]
	Geoffrey Lewis	79	Actor in film and television, including regular roles on *Flo*, *Gun Shy*, *Falcon Crest*, *Land's End*. Father of Juliette Lewis.	[761]
April 21	Steve Byrnes	56	NASCAR reporter and announcer for TNN, CBS, and Fox Sports	[762]
April 22	Lois Lilienstein	78	Musical performer who starred on *The Elephant Show* and *Skinnamarink TV* as a member of children's trio Sharon, Lois & Bram	[763]
April 23	Sawyer Sweeten	19	Actor, best known as Geoffrey Barone on *Everybody Loves Raymond*	[764]
April 25	Don Mankiewicz	93	American writer and novelist (*Alcoa Presents: One Step Beyond*, *Armstrong Circle Theatre*, *Profiles in Courage* and *Ironside*)	[765]
April 26	Jayne Meadows	95	Stage, film, and television actress who had recurring appearances on *I've Got a Secret* and *What's My Line?*. Also appeared live in Las Vegas with her husband, Steve Allen.	[766]
April 27	Suzanne Crough	52	Actress, best known as Tracy Partridge on *The Partridge Family*	[767]
	Verne	89	WWE Hall of Famer and co-founder of the American	[768]

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	Gagne		Wrestling Association	
April 30	Ben E. King	76	Singer whose Top 10 hit song "Stand by Me" was included in numerous TV shows including *The X Factor*, *Late Show with David Letterman* and *So You Think You Can Dance*, as well as a film of the same name	[769]
May 1	Grace Lee Whitney	85	Actress, best known as Yeoman Janice Rand on the original *Star Trek* TV series and its film adaptations; guest starring in *General Hospital* and *Bewitched*	[770]
May 4	Ellen Albertini Dow	101	Guest roles on *Loving* and *Another World*; recurring roles on *Santa Barbara* and *Guiding Light*	[771]
May 9	Elizabeth Wilson	94	American actress (*East Side/West Side*, *Doc*, *Morningstar/Eveningstar* and *Delta*)	[772]
May 14	B.B. King	89	American Blues musician, guitarist, songwriter, radio personality, and actor (credits include *The Cosby Show*, *The Young and the Restless*, *General Hospital*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *Sesame Street*, *Married... with Children*, *Sanford and Son* and *Touched by an Angel*; voiceover work in *Cow and Chicken* and *Between The Lions*; musical performances on *Austin City Limits*; commercials for OneTouch Ultra and Toyota Camry)	[773]
May 15	John Stephenson	91	Actor (*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show*, *Hogan's Heroes* and other series) and voice artist (notably on *The Flintstones*, *Jonny Quest*, and *The Transformers*)	[774]

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May 20	Mary Ellen Trainor	62	American actress, had roles in *Parker Lewis Can't Lose*, *Relativity* and *Roswell*	[775]
May 23	Anne Meara	85	American actress, singer, writer, producer and comedian, notably as part of the Stiller and Meara comedy team with husband Jerry Stiller, and the mother of Ben and Amy Stiller (Credits include solo regular and recurring roles in *The Greatest Gift*, *The Paul Lynde Show*, *The Corner Bar*, *Kate McShane*, *Rhoda*, *Take Five with Stiller & Meara*, *Archie Bunker's Place*, *The Stiller and Meara Show*, *ALF*, *All My Children*, *The King of Queens*, *Sex and the City*, *Oz*, and web series *Stiller & Meara*; TV movie roles in *Ninotchka*, *Dames at Sea*, *The Other Woman*, *The Day They Came to Arrest the Book*, *Great Performances:"The Mother"*, *What Makes a Family*, *Crooked Lines*, and *The Shallow End of the Ocean*; voice work in *Wonder Pets*; guest roles in *Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Will & Grace*, *Good Morning, Miami*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Four Kings*, and *Mercy*)	[776]
May 26	Dave Benton	52	News anchor at WCIA/Champaign, Illinois since 2005.	[104]
May 29	Betsy Palmer	88	Film/TV actress (TV credits including *As the World Turns*, *I've Got a Secret*, *Knots Landing*, *The Love Boat*, and *Newhart*)	[777]
June 1	Katherine Chappell	29	Visual effects editor (*Game of Thrones*)	[778]
June 6	Anthony Riley	28	American reality television contestant and singer who competed, then abruptly left, season 8 of *The Voice* after winning the first round.	[779]

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June 7	Christopher Lee	93	British character actor (Credits include guest hosting *Saturday Night Live*, *How the West Was Won*, *Charlie's Angels*, *The Pirate*, and a regular role in *Street Gear*)	[780][781]
June 11	Dusty Rhodes	69	American wrestler, executive, manager and valet. A member of the WWE Hall of Fame	[782]
June 12	Monica Lewis	93	American actress and singer, notable for being the voice of the Chiquita Banana girl (credits include *The Ed Sullivan Show, Wagon Train, Night Gallery, The Virginian, Marcus Welby, M.D., Remington Steele, Ironside* and *Falcon Crest*)	[783]
June 18	Ralph J. Roberts	95	American business executive (co-founder of Comcast)	[784]
	Danny Villanueva	77	Former NFL kicker/punter; sports/news reporter for KMEX-TV and KNBC/Los Angeles; executive with KMEX and Spanish International Network/Univision	[785]
June 20	Bob Barry, Jr.	58	American sports journalist (sports anchor, and later, sports director at KFOR-TV/Oklahoma City from 1982 to 2015)	[786][787]
June 21	Darryl Hamilton	50	Former Major League Baseball player and analyst for MLB Network	[788]
	Tony Longo	53	American actor (roles include *Alice*, *Hell Town*, *1st & Ten*, *Police Academy: The Series*, *The Young and the Restless*, *Days of Our Lives* and *Alibi Boys*)	[789]
June 22	James	61	American Oscar and Grammy-award winning	[790]

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	Horner		composer (Composed theme songs to *CBS Evening News* and *Fish Police*)	
June 23	Dick Van Patten	86	American television, film and stage actor, best known for playing Tom Bradford in *Eight Is Enough* (other credits include starring roles in *Mama* and *When Things Were Rotten*; and guest roles in *Naked City*, *Happy Days*, *Sanford and Son*, *Adam-12*, *Love, American Style*, *The Love Boat*, *Hotel*, *Growing Pains*, *WIOU*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Boy Meets World*, *Arrested Development*, *That '70s Show* and *Hot in Cleveland*)	[791][792]
June 26	Chris Thompson	63	Writer/producer (work on several shows, most notably *Bosom Buddies*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *The Naked Truth*, *Action*, and *Shake It Up*)	[793]
July 2	Charlie Sanders	68	NFL Hall of Fame tight end and TV analyst for the Detroit Lions.	[794]
July 6	Jerry Weintraub	77	Film/TV producer (TV work including *Behind the Candelabra*, *Years of Living Dangerously*, *The Brink*, and *Westworld*)	[795]
July 10	Roger Rees	71	Actor (recurring roles on several series, including *Cheers*, *Boston Common*, *M.A.N.T.I.S.*, *The West Wing*, *Warehouse 13*, and *Singles*)	[796]
July 14	Marlene Sanders	84	Correspondent and anchor for ABC News and CBS News	[797]
July 15	Gary Mack	68	Held several jobs at KXAS-TV/Dallas–Fort Worth from 1981 to 1993 before becoming the archivist and	[798]

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			curator of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza.	
July 17	Van Miller	87	Sportscaster; weather and sports anchor for WBEN-TV/WIVB/Buffalo from 1955 to 1998 and play-by-play man for Empire Sports Network. Better known for his radio career, where he announced the Buffalo Bills for a record 37 nonconsecutive years.	[799]
July 18	Alex Rocco	79	Emmy-winning film, television, and voice character actor (Notable roles as Pete Karras in *Three for the Road*, Charlie Polniaczek in *The Facts of Life*, Al Floss in *The Famous Teddy Z*, Howie Rusco in *Sibs*, Roger Meyers, Jr. in *The Simpsons*, John Exstead Sr. in *The Division*, and Harry Rosetti in *The George Carlin Show*; other credits include *Home Improvement*, *Batman*, *Cannon*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Murphy Brown*, *Pinky and the Brain* and *Family Guy*)	[800]
July 20	George Coe	86	Actor (Cast member on *Saturday Night Live*, recurring roles on *Archer*, *Working*, *L.A. Law*, *Max Headroom*, *Goodnight, Beantown*, *Hill Street Blues*, *Equal Justice*, *The West Wing*)	[801]
July 21	Theodore Bikel	91	Austrian-American actor	[802]
July 23	Loredana Nesci	47	Lawyer who was the subject of her own Sundance Channel reality TV series *Loredana, Esq.*	[803]
July 26	Bobbi Kristina Brown	22	Reality television personality, actress and singer (*The Houstons: On Our Own*); daughter of singers Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown	[804]

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July 28	James H. Allen	87	Children's host who portrayed the clown character "Rusty Nails" in the Portland, Oregon market; inspiration for Krusty the Clown on *The Simpsons*	[805]
July 31	Gerald S. O'Loughlin	93	American actor (*Men at Law*, *The Rookies*, *The Blue and the Gray*, *Automan*, *Our House*, and *Murder, She Wrote*)	[806]
	Roddy Piper	61	WWE Hall of Fame wrestler and actor (guest spots and cameo appearances as himself on several shows)	[807]
August 3	Coleen Gray	92	Film and television actress who guest-starred in numerous series	[808]
August 7	Terrence Evans	81	Actor who guested in episodes of numerous series, most notably *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* ("Progress", "Cardassians") and *Star Trek: Voyager* ("Nemesis").	[809]
August 9	Frank Gifford	84	NFL Hall of Famer, sports broadcaster (as part of *Monday Night Football* and CBS Sports), commercial pitchman, and actor; husband of TV host Kathy Lee Gifford	[810]
August 10	Bob Briley	91	Reporter, anchor, and sports announcer in the Spokane radio and TV market, working at KHQ-TV and KXLY-TV (where he won a regional Emmy for his work at the latter)	[811]
August 16	Julian Bond	75	American Civil Rights activist, politician in the Georgia House of Representatives and the Senate, president of the NAACP, the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and journalist/commentator (first African-American politician to guest host *Saturday Night Live* on April 9, 1977, which became infamous	[813][814]

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			for the "Black Perspective" skit with then-*SNL* cast member Garrett Morris;[812] served as host of *America's Black Forum* from 1980 to 1997, commentator for *The Today Show*, narrated *Eyes on the Prize* in 1987 and 1990, and played himself in *King*)	
August 17	Yvonne Craig	78	American actress, singer, dancer, speaker and businesswoman (notable for her portrayal as Batgirl/Barbara Gordon on *Batman*; other credits include *The Barbara Stanwyck Show*, *Death Valley Days*, *Hennesey*, *My Three Sons*, *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, *Star Trek*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, *The Wild Wild West*, *McHale's Navy*, *The Big Valley*, *The Ghost & Mrs. Muir*, *Land of the Giants*, *Love, American Style*, *Kentucky Jones*, *It Takes a Thief*, *The Mod Squad*, *Kojak*, *Emergency!*, *Love, American Style*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, and celebrity editions of *Family Feud*; voiceover work in *Olivia*.)	[815]
August 18	Bud Yorkin	89	Producer/writer (several shows, most notably *All in the Family*, *Maude*, and *What's Happening!!*) and director (*The Ford Show*, *An Evening with Fred Astaire*)	[816]
August 20	Melody Patterson	66	American actress, best known for her role as "Wrangler" Jane Angelica Thrift in *F Troop*; recurring roles on *All My Children*, *One Life to Live*, and *Santa Barbara*	[*citation needed*]
August 21	Tobias Strebel	35	Actor, singer/songwriter/musician, and reality television personality, whose plans to have plastic surgery in order to look like Justin Bieber was documented in *Botched*, and also appeared in *My Strange Addiction*	[817]
August 24	Howard	87	Producer and television executive	[818]

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August 30	Wes Craven	76	Horror film director, producer and writer (created the characters in the TV series *Freddy's Nightmares* and *Scream*)	[819]
September 2	Dean Jones	84	American actor known for *Ensign O'Toole*, *The Chicago Teddy Bears*, *Herbie, the Love Bug*, *The Love Boat* and *Beethoven*.	[820]
September 3	Judy Carne	76	British actress best known as the "Sock it to me" Girl" on *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*	[821]
September 6	Martin Milner	83	American actor known for *Adam-12* and *Route 66*.	[822]
September 8	Merv Adelson	85	American producer and co-founder of Lorimar Television. (producing credits include *The Waltons*, *Eight Is Enough*, *Dallas*, *Knots Landing* and *Falcon Crest*)	[823]
September 10	John Connell	91	American actor best known for his role of Dr. David Malone in the soap opera *Young Dr. Malone*.	[824]
September 12	Frank D. Gilroy	89	American playwright, screenwriter and producer; co-created *Burke's Law*	[825]
September 19	Jackie Collins	77	English-born American author/novelist, television producer, television personality, and sister of *Dynasty* actress Joan Collins (notable works include seeing her best-selling novel *Hollywood Wives* adapted into a television miniseries; served as co-producer on her television adaptations of *Lady*	[826][827]

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			Boss, *Lucky Chances* and *Hollywood Wives: The New Generation*; hosted the talk shows *Jackie Collins' Hollywood* and *Jackie Collins Presents*)	
September 20	Jack Larson	87	American actor, best known for his role of Jimmy Olsen in *Adventures of Superman*	[828]
September 22	Yogi Berra	90	Hall of Fame American professional baseball player and coach for the New York Yankees and New York Mets. Notable work as contributor to numerous television baseball programs; host of *Yogi & a Movie* on YES Network; cameos in *The Phil Silvers Show*, *Arli$$*, *Candid Camera*, *What's My Line*, *The Ed Sullivan Show* and *Colgate Comedy Hour*; consultant on *61** and *A Time for Champions*; pitchman for Yoo-hoo and AFLAC; Rumored to be the inspiration for Yogi Bear that lead to a reported dispute with Hanna-Barbera, but later acknowledged as factual based on interviews.[829]	[830]
	Mark Constantino		Husband and wife who appeared on *Ghost Adventures* as EVP experts and analysts	[831]
	Debby Constantino			
September 28	Catherine Coulson	71	Actress (the Log Lady on *Twin Peaks*) and camera/production assistant	[832]
September 29	Pat Woodell	71	Actress (Bobbie Jo Bradley on *Petticoat Junction*)	[833]
October 3	Roger Bollen	74	American writer (*ABC Weekend Special*, *Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century*, *Zenon: The Zequel*, also co-	[834]

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			created *Handy Manny*)	
	Barbara Meek	81	American actress (*Archie Bunker's Place*, *Melba* and *Big Brother Jake*); guest roles on *As the World Turns*, *General Hospital*, and *Guiding Light*	[835]
October 13	Jamie Zimmerman	31	Actress (*7th Heaven*, *Boston Public*), doctor and medical reporter for ABC News	[836]
October 21	Marty Ingels	79	Comedian, actor (several roles, most notably *I'm Dickens, He's Fenster*), and voiceover artist (*Cattanooga Cats*, *The Great Grape Ape Show*, *Pac-Man*)	[837]
October 30	Al Molinaro	96	Actor, best known as "Big Al" Delvecchio on *Happy Days* and its spin off *Joanie Loves Chachi*, Murray Greshler on *The Odd Couple*, and Joe Alberghetti on *The Family Man*	[838]
November 1	Fred Thompson	73	American senator and actor, best known as District Attorney Arthur Branch in the *Law & Order* franchise	[839]
November 3	David Graham	91	American casting director (*Three's Company*, *The Ropers* and *ABC Weekend Special*)	[*citation needed*]
November 5	George Barris	89	American designer and builder of many Hollywood custom cars, most famously the Batmobile in the Batman series. Also built/designed the car from *The Beverly Hillbillies*, the Munster Koach and KITT's "Super Pursuit Mode" in *Knight Rider*	[840]
	Ritch Brinkley	71	American actor (*Dolly*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Thunder Alley*, *Saved by the Bell: The New Class*, and *Murphy*	[841]

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			Brown)	
November 11	Nathaniel Marston	40	Actor, best known as Michael McBain on *One Life to Live*	[842]
November 14	Nick Bockwinkel	80	WWE Hall of Fame wrestler	[843]
November 16	David Canary	77	Actor who won five Daytime Emmy Awards for playing the Chandler twins (Adam and Stuart) on *All My Children*	[844]
November 20	Jim Perry	82	Game show host (*Card Sharks*, *$ale of the Century*)	[845]
November 21	Rex Reason	87	American actor (*Conflict*, *Man Without a Gun*, *The Alaskans* and *The Roaring 20's*)	[846]
November 28	Marjorie Lord	97	Actress (Kathy Williams on *Make Room for Daddy* and *Make Room for Granddaddy*)	[847]
November 30	Steve Shagan	88	American producer	[*citation needed*]
December 1	Harry Radcliffe II	66	American producer, the first African American to head a CBS News bureau and served as a producer for *60 Minutes* from 1995–2015.	[848]
December 2	Ray Gandolf	85	Sports reporter/anchor for CBS News and ABC News; co-host of ABC's *Our World*	[849]

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source
December 4	Robert Loggia	85	American actor and director (*Studio One in Hollywood*, *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*, *T.H.E. Cat*, *Arthur Hailey's the Moneychangers*, *The Rockford Files*, *Emerald Point N.A.S.*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Mancuso, FBI*, *Sunday Dinner*, *Wild Palms*, *The Sopranos* and *Queens Supreme*)	[850]
	Chris Carney	35	American reality television personality and singer (*twentyfourseven*)	[851]
December 6	Howard West	84	American producer and longtime agent for Jerry Seinfeld; served as executive producer for *Seinfeld* and *The Marriage Ref*	[852]
December 7	Martin E. Brooks	90	American actor (*Suspense*, *Studio One in Hollywood*, *Search for Tomorrow*, *General Hospital*, *Armstrong Circle Theatre*, *McMillan & Wife*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *The Bionic Woman*, *Dallas*, *Hunter* and *Knots Landing*)	[853]
	Marque "Tate" Lynche	34	Actor (*The Mickey Mouse Club*) and singer (competed on season 3 of *American Idol*)	[854]
December 12	Rose Siggins	43	American actress and disability activist, best known for portraying Legless Suzy in *American Horror Story: Freak Show*	[855]
December 16	Adam Roth		American composer (*Wreckreation Nation with Dave Mordal* and *Rescue Me*)	[856]

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December 19	Louis DiGiaimo	77	American casting director and producer (*Movin' On*, *Night Heat* and *Homicide: Life on the Street*)	[857]
December 20	Patricia Elliott	77	American actress best known for her role as Renée Divine Buchanan on *One Life to Live* (1987–2011)	[858]
December 25	George Clayton Johnson	86	American writer (*The Twilight Zone*, *Route 66*, *The Law and Mr. Jones*, *Kung Fu*, *Star Trek* and co-wrote the novel *Logan's Run*, which inspired a miniseries of the same name)	[859]
	Jason Wingreen	95	Actor, best known as Harry Snowden on *All in the Family* and its spin-off, *Archie Bunker's Place*, also appeared in numerous episodes of *The Twilight Zone*	[860]
December 27	Meadowlark Lemon	83	Basketball player (Harlem Globetrotters) and actor (appeared in Season 2 of *Hello, Larry*)	[861]
December 31	Wayne Rogers	82	Actor, best known as "Trapper" John McIntyre on *M*A*S*H*, later became an investor and appeared as a panelist on Fox News Channel's *Cashin' In*	[862]
	Natalie Cole	65	R&B singer and actress (TV credits include *Grey's Anatomy*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and *Livin' for Love: The Natalie Cole Story*)	[863]
	Beth Howland	74	Actress, best known as Vera Gorman on *Alice*. Also had small roles in *The Love Boat*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*	[864]

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795. **Jump up^** Obituary for Jerry Weintraub from *Variety*, 7/6/2015

796. **Jump up^** Roger Rees, Stage Actor Made Famous by Nicholas Nickleby, Dies at 71*Playbill*, July 10, 2015

797. **Jump up^** Obituary for Marlene Sanders from *USA Today*, 7/15/2015

798. **Jump up^** Gary Mack, JFK assassination museum mastermind, dead at 68 WTVM, July 15, 2015

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800. **Jump up^** *Barnes, Mike. "Alex Rocco Dead: 'Godfather' Actor Was 79". The Hollywood Reporter. Retrieved July 20, 2015.*

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805. **Jump up^** James Allen Dead, TV Personality Who Inspired Krusty the Clown on 'The Simpsons,' Dies at 87 *The Hollywood Reporter*, July 29, 2015

806. **Jump up^** Gerald S. O'Loughlin, best known for role in 1970s series "The Rookies," dies*Los Angeles Times*, September 9, 2014

807. **Jump up^** WWE Legend 'Rowdy' Roddy Piper Dies at 61 *Variety*, July 31, 2015

808. **Jump up^** Coleen Gray dies at 92; actress made mark 'good girl' of film noir *Los Angeles Times*, August 4, 2015

809. **Jump up^** Terrence Evans, Actor in 'Star Trek,' 'Terminator 2', Dies at 81 *Variety*, August 8, 2015

810. **Jump up^** Frank Gifford, Pro Football Hall of Famer, Dies at 84 of Natural Causes*Bleacher Report*, (August 9, 2015)

811. **Jump up^** "Spokane TV/Radio Newsman Bob Briley Dies At 91" *All Access*, (August 12, 2015)

812. **Jump up^** *"SNL Transcripts: Julian Bond / Tom Waits". Retrieved 2008-11-18.*

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817. **Jump up^** "'Botched' Star Tobias Strebel Found Dead at 35" from *The Hollywood Reporter*, 8/26/2015

818. **Jump up^** Howard Lipstone, TV Producer, Partner of Alan Landsburg, Dies at 87 *Variety*, August 26, 2015

819. **Jump up^** *"Wes Craven, Horror Maestro, Dies at 76". The Hollywood Reporter. August 30, 2015. Retrieved August 30, 2015.*

820. **Jump up^** *Stedman, Alex (2015-09-02). "Dean Jones Dead: 'The Love Bug' Star Dies at 84". Variety. Retrieved 2015-09-18.*

821. **Jump up^** Judy Carne, 'Sock It to Me' Girl on 'Laugh-In,' Dies at 76 *The New York Times*, September 7, 2015

822. **Jump up^** *"Martin Milner Dies at 83; Actor Made His Name on "Route 66"". The New York Times. September 7, 2015. Retrieved September 7, 2015.*

823. **Jump up^** Lorimar Co-Founder and TV Mogul Merv Adelson Dies at 85 *Variety*, September 9, 2015

824. **Jump up^** *McNary, Dave (2015-09-10). "'Young Dr. Malone' Actor John P. Connell Dies at 91". Variety. Retrieved 2015-09-18.*

825. **Jump up^** Frank D. Gilroy, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Playwright, Dies at 89 *The Hollywood Reporter*, September 13, 2015

826. **Jump up^** Jackie Collins Has Died : People.com

827. **Jump up^** Jackie Collins Dead: Joan Collins Reaction : People.com

828. **Jump up^** Passage: Yogi Berra and Jack Larson CBS News, September 27, 2015

829. **Jump up^** "Yogi Berra Suing Over Yogi Bear? Take It With a Grin of Salt" from *The Hollywood Reporter* (September 23, 2015)

830. **Jump up^** *Rudansky, Andrew; Jamieson, Alastair (September 23, 2015). "Yogi Berra, Yankees Icon and MLB Hall of Famer, Dies at 90 – NBC News". NBCNews.com. Retrieved September 23, 2015.*

831. **Jump up^** "Ghost Adventures' Mark and Debby Constantino Found Dead in Apparent Murder-Suicide" from TV Guide (September 24, 2015)

832. **Jump up^** Obituary for Catherine Coulson from *Variety*, 9/28/2015

833. **Jump up^** *Colker, David (17 October 2015). "Pat Woodell dies at 71; actress best known for 1960s sitcom 'Petticoat Junction'". Los Angeles Times. Retrieved 18 October 2015.*

834. **Jump up^** Roger Bollen, creator of 'Animal Crackers' comic strip, dies at 74 *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, October 7, 2015

835. **Jump up^** Barbara Meek, Actress on 'Archie Bunker's Place,' Dies at 81 *The Hollywood Reporter*, October 4, 2015

836. **Jump up^** "ABC News Medical Analyst Dies In Drowning Accident In Hawaii" from *TV Guide* (October 15, 2015)

837. **Jump up^** Obituary for Marty Ingels from AP/TVNewsCheck, 10/22/2015

838. **Jump up^** 'Happy Days' Star Al Molinaro Dies at 96 *Variety*, October 30, 2015

839. **Jump up^** Fred Thompson, with larger-than-life persona, dies at 73 *The Tennessean*, November 1, 2015

840. **Jump up^** George Barris, TV Batmobile Designer, Has Died *ComicBook.com*, November 5, 2015

841. **Jump up^** Ritch Brinkley, the Infatuated Cameraman on 'Murphy Brown,' Dies at 71 *The Hollywood Reporter*, November 14, 2015

842. **Jump up^** Soap star Nathaniel Marston dies at 40 *USA Today*, November 12, 2015

843. **Jump up^** Nick Bockwinkel dies at 80 *New York Daily News*, November 15, 2015

844. **Jump up^** Obituary: David Canary, 77, actor *Wilton Bulletin*, November 24, 2015

845. **Jump up^** Jim Perry, game show "king," dies at 82 CTV News, November 20, 2015

846. **Jump up^** Actor Rex Reason has died *Newspaper Post*, November 21, 2015

847. **Jump up^** Obituary for Marjorie Lord from *The Hollywood Reporter*, 12/11/2015

848. **Jump up^** Award-winning 60 Minutes producer Harry Radliffe II dies at 66 *CBS News*, December 1, 2015

849. **Jump up^** Obituary for Ray Gandolf from *The New York Times*, 12/7/2015

850. **Jump up^** Oscar-Nominated Actor Robert Loggia Dies at 85 *Variety*, December 4, 2014

851. **Jump up^** "Chris Carney, Former MTV Reality Star and Actress Tiffany Thornton's Husband, Dies at 35" from *Variety* (December 4, 2015)

852. **Jump up^** Howard West, Producer and Longtime Manager of Jerry Seinfeld, Dies at 84*Variety*, December 8, 2015

853. **Jump up^** Martin E. Brooks, Who Played Dr. Rudy Wells on 'Six Million Dollar Man,' Dies at 90 *Variety*, December 7, 2015

854. **Jump up^** Former 'Mickey Mouse Club' Star Marque 'Tate' Lynche Dies at 34*Entertainment Tonight*, December 7, 2015

855. **Jump up^** American Horror Story's Rose Siggins Dies at 43 *TV Guide*, December 12, 2015

856. **Jump up^** Adam Roth, NYC Guitarist and Composer for Denis Leary's 'Rescue Me,' Dies at 57 *The Hollywood Reporter*, December 18, 2015

857. **Jump up^** Louis DiGiaimo, Casting Director for 'The Godfather,' 'The Exorcist,' Dies at 77*Variety*, December 23, 2015

858. **Jump up^** 'One Life to Live' actress Patricia Elliott dies aged 77 *New York Daily News*, December 22, 2015

859. **Jump up^** George Clayton Johnson Dies: 'Logan's Run' Co-Writer And Writer Of First 'Star Trek' Episode Was 86, Deadline.com, December 25, 2015.

860. **Jump up^** Jason Wingreen Dead: 'All in the Family*bartender and voice of Boba Fett, The Hollywood Reporter, January 1, 2016.*

861. **Jump up^** http://www.stltoday.com/news/meadowlark-lemon-clown-prince-of-basketball-dies-at/article_ed9c71c8-39c2-5c0a-9242-5343bf00ac82.html Meadowlark Lemon dies, St. Louis Today, December 27, 2015

862. **Jump up^** Wayne Rogers dies at 82; actor played Army surgeon Trapper John on TV's 'MASH' *Los Angeles Times*, December 31, 2015

863. **Jump up^** Legendary singer Natalie Cole dies at 65' *Entertainment Weekly*, January 1, 2016

864. **Jump up^** Alice Star Beth Howland Dead at 74 *People*, May 25, 2016

2016 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television in 2016**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and rebrandings; stations changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about controversies andcarriage disputes.

Notable events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
1	Bob Eubanks and Stephanie Edwards co-host the local telecast of the Rose Parade on CW affiliate KTLA/Los Angeles for the final time. The duo announced in September 2015 that they were relinquishing their hosting duties for the annual event, an assignment that dated back to 1982.[1]
	Full episodes of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* return to American television, airing nightly on Antenna TV, the result of an agreement between the Tribune Broadcasting-owned multicast network and Carson Productions. The airings, billed simply as *Johnny Carson* (as NBC has ownership of *The Tonight Show* brand) consist of episodes taped in Burbank between 1972 and 1992 (90-minute episodes made from 1980 and earlier air on weekends, while 60-minute broadcasts made from 1980 onward air weeknights). This date's re-airing of the January 1, 1982 episode, which featured Eddie Murphy and McLean Stevenson as guests, marks the first time the Carson-era *Tonight Show* has aired on television (outside of a compiled clip series) since Carson's retirement in May 1992.[2]
	WSVI, the ABC affiliate serving the United States Virgin Islands, ends its affiliation with the network due to technical issues and joins Ion Television. Lilly Broadcasting, owners of WSEE-TV in Erie, Pennsylvania which already serves as the default CBS affiliate in the Virgin Islands, is commissioned to provide a replacement ABC affiliate for cable viewers, and promptly imports WENY-TV in Elmira, New York.
7	NBCUniversal formally launches Seeso, a subscription-based, over-the-top streaming service that features new and classic comedy programming. The service, which features archived content (including stand-up comedy specials, and episodes of series such as *Saturday Night Live* and *Monty Python's Flying Circus*) as well as original series, is initially available for $3.99 per month (the site soft-launched on December 3, 2015 with a one-month,

	web-only beta trial offered to prospective subscribers).[3]
	More than a dozen television stations owned by Cordillera Communications in the Western and Southern United States are removed from Dish Network in a retransmission dispute.[4] The stations are restored on January 10 after the two sides reach an agreement.[5]
9	The Kansas City Chiefs defeat the Houston Texans in an AFC Wild Card playoff game. ESPN's coverage of the game is simulcast on sister broadcast network ABC, making it the first National Football League game to air on the latter network since Super Bowl XL in 2006.[6][7] ABC previously held the rights to *Monday Night Football* from 1970 until it shifted over to ESPN in 2006. ABC is still required to air the games in both teams' primary market.
12	ABC Family changes its name to Freeform.[8] The rebranding, the result of audience tests that revealed infrequent viewers perceived the channel as strictly family-oriented, firms the network's programming focus towards teenagers and young adults ages 14–34 (or "becomers", as the network terms them). It also, according to network president Tom Ascheim, refutes claims that founding owner Christian Broadcasting Network has required "Family" to permanently remain in the channel's name since its 1990 sale to International Family Entertainment.[9][10][11] Freeform will maintain much of the former ABC Family's existing programming including feature films, series (including *Shadowhunters*, which premieres on this date), seasonal programming blocks, and religious programs (most notably weekday airings of *The 700 Club*, which CBN does require the channel to air).[12][13][14]
14	TouchVision discontinues operations. Based at Weigel Broadcasting's Chicago headquarters, the service provided newsreel-style news coverage tailored to a younger demographic, offering content to mobile and tablet platforms as well as select television stations.[15]
17	*Master of None* and *Mr. Robot* are among the notable TV winners at the 21st Critics' Choice Awards, an event simulcast live on A&E, Lifetime and LMN.[16]For the first time, the event combines categories comprising its previously separate television and film ceremonies into a single three-hour telecast, the result of a September 2015 decision reached by the Broadcast Television Journalists Association and the Broadcast Film Critics Association.[17]
18	In a series of tweets she stated that while she had "only ever liked boys" in the past and that she was "open to liking any gender," *Girl Meets World* star Rowan Blanchard (who is 14) confirms that she identifies as queer, marking the first time a teenage entertainer from a current Disney Channel television series to come out and reveal their sexual preference.[18][19]

	Almost a month after the controversy (in which he mistakenly announced Ariadna Gutiérrez of Colombia as the winner of Miss Universe 2015 and Pia Wurtzbach of the Philippines as the first runner-up), comedian and host Steve Harvey breaks his silence and addresses his stint as the pageant's host in a two-part special episode of his eponymous talk show. The episode, titled "Miss Universe: The Truth", also features exclusive interviews with Wurtzbach (alongside Miss USA 2015 winner and second runner-up Olivia Jordan) and Gutiérrez (the latter interview was aired the following day).[20][21]
19	Major League Baseball reaches an agreement to expand its offerings of online game broadcasts, including team-specific packages. The agreement comes on the day a trial against MLB, Comcast, and DirecTV was to have begun. The class action lawsuit, filed by a group of fans, sought to overturn MLB's placement of territorial restrictions for "out of market" broadcasts and blackouts of "in market" games.[22]
23	ABC begins airing a package of eight selected NBA games on Saturday evenings under the *NBA Saturday Primetime on ABC* banner.[23] The move will also see the network airing only six single Sunday afternoon games, ending the doubleheaders that resulted in the adjustments to the scheduling of NBA broadcasts. Sister cable channel ESPN will continue to air NBA telecasts on Wednesday and Friday evenings.[24]
27	Nexstar Broadcasting Group agrees to acquire Media General in a $4.6 billion deal. Should regulatory approval be obtained, the combined company, to be known as Nexstar Media Group, will become the largest broadcaster in terms of audience reach, owning or operating 171 full-power stations in 100 markets. The deal comes after Meredith Corporation backs out of its deal to acquire Media General. That deal, announced in September 2015, came before Nexstar announced its own larger, unsolicited bid for Media General.[25]
	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces it will acquire Tennis Channel in a $350 million deal.[26]
29	Nexstar Broadcasting Group stations in nine markets are removed from Cox Communications' cable systems at midnight due to a retransmission dispute.[27] The stations return to Cox Cable after the two sides reach an agreement on February 4.[28]

February[edit]

Date	Event

1	The National Football League announces that CBS and NBC will share the league's *Thursday Night Football* package in the 2016 and 2017 seasons. Both networks will each air and produce five games and NFL Network will simulcast those games and air eight additional games exclusively.[29]
	The E. W. Scripps Company and Time Warner Cable quietly come to terms on a new carriage and retransmission consent contract. This is ahead of time for the former Journal Communications stations merged into Scripps in April 2015 (whose previous agreement would have ended on July 31), and averts any threat of Scripps' NBC stations being removed from Time Warner systems during the 2016 Summer Olympics.[30]
	CBS affiliate WJHL-TV in Johnson City, Tennessee affiliates its DT2 subchannel with ABC, taking the Tri-Cities' ABC affiliation from WKPT-TV. In a statement by George DeVault, president of Holston Valley Broadcasting, owners of WKPT-TV, he stated that despite negotiating in good faith with a "loyal" affiliate of ABC, and having agreed in principle on a 5-year extension, the network had chosen to explore other options, and showed a preference to being affiliated with a station owned by a larger group (WJHL-TV is owned and operated by Media General). WKPT-TV would shut down its news operations on January 29, three days before switching to MyNetworkTV (which would take that affiliation from sister station WAPK-CD, who in turn would take WJHL-DT2's former MeTV affiliation).[31]
3	With advancing age (92) and health issues limiting his abilities to run the company, Sumner Redstone steps down as executive chairman at CBS Corporation. CEO Leslie Moonves is named Redstone's successor, while his daughter Shari Redstone retains her role as vice chairman. Redstone will retain a title of chairman emeritus at CBS, the same title he acquires on February 4 at Viacom, whose board names Philippe Dauman to succeed him as its executive chairman.[32][33]
7	Super Bowl 50, in which the Denver Broncos defeat the Carolina Panthers, attracts 111.9 million viewers to CBS' English-language broadcast, the third most watched program in TV history.[34] The game is also simulcast in Spanish on ESPN Deportes.[35]
12	Univision and Donald Trump confirm that they reached a confidential out-of-court settlement in a breach-of-contract lawsuit Trump filed against Univision. The Spanish-language broadcaster had backed out of its commitment in 2015 to air the Miss USA pageant in light of comments Trump expressed in the early days of his presidential campaign regarding illegal immigration to the United States. The comments resulted in a major fallout with celebrities, sponsors, and other pageant backers, including NBCUniversal, which exited from its joint venture with Trump in the Miss Universe Organization (Trump would buy out NBCU's stake

	and later sell the full organization to WME/IMG).[36]
13	Kanye West performs two songs from his album *The Life of Pablo* on *Saturday Night Live*, before announcing the release of his album exclusively on Tidal at the conclusion of his second performance.[*citation needed*]
15	Kendrick Lamar and Taylor Swift are among the notable winners at the 58th Grammy Awards.[37] The show airs on CBS, which offers an option for Pacific and Mountain time zone stations to air the broadcast live, allowing the event to air live in all time zones for the first time ever.[38]
17	ABC announces that its entertainment president, Paul Lee, has left the network. Channing Dungey is immediately tapped as Lee's successor, becoming the first African-American to head programming at a major broadcast network.[39]
28	MSNBC confirms it has parted ways with on-air host Melissa Harris-Perry. The move comes two days after it was revealed that Harris-Perry, in an e-mail to co-workers, voiced frustration over recent pre-emptions of her her eponymous weekend show for expanded election coverage, editorial control of her show, and lack of communication from network executives over those issues.[40]
	Spotlight (best picture) and *Mad Max: Fury Road* (six awards) are among the notable winners at the 88th Academy Awards.[41] Chris Rock hosts the ABC telecast, an event that faced controversy coming in over the absence of minorities in the major acting categories for the second consecutive year.[42]
	Despite the time difference (Hawaii is five hours behind the Eastern Time Zone), KITV/Honolulu (under their new ownership of SJL Broadcasting) ends its practice of tape-delaying the Academy Awards to prime time and, for the first time, joins the rest of the ABC network in airing the Oscars live as it happens (the event aired at 3:30PM Hawaii time).[43]
29	Raleigh-area stations WRAL-TV and WNCN swap their network affiliations, with WRAL joining NBC and WNCN joining CBS. The switch comes after management of the Capitol Broadcasting-owned WRAL could not meet what it called "one-sided" reverse compensation demands from CBS.[44]
	H2, History's secondary network, becomes Viceland, a lifestyle channel aimed at millennials

	which will include programming about music, cooking, sports, technology and hard-hitting documentaries. The change comes after A&E Networks purchased a 10% stake in Vice Media, Inc. in August 2014.[45]
	Tribune Media announces that it will review various "strategic alternatives" to increase the company's value to shareholders, which include a possible sale of the entire company and/or select assets, or the formation of programming alliances or strategic partnerships with other companies, due to the decrease in its stock price since its August 2014 spin-off of Tribune Publishing and a $385 million revenue write-down for the 2015 fiscal year, partly due to original scripted programming expenditures for WGN America since it converted the cable network from a superstation in 2014. In addition to WGN America, Tribune Media's assets include 42 television stations (two of which are operated under shared services agreements with Dreamcatcher Broadcasting), regional cable news channel Chicagoland Television and a 30% stake in Food Network (which is majority owned by Scripps Interactive).[46]

March[edit]

Date	Event
4	Four Spanish language networks owned by Univision Communications (Univision, UniMás, Galavisión and Univision Deportes) are removed by AT&T U-verse nationwide due to a carriage dispute.[47][48][49][50] The Univision-owned networks were re-added by the provider on March 24, 2016, following the signing of a new retransmission agreement with the broadcaster.[51][52][53][54]
15	Dish Network sues NBCUniversal for breach of contract in reply to their ongoing carriage dispute.[55] Three days later, it announced it will continue to carry NBCU's channels for another 10 days while seeking arbitration from the FCC.[56]
23	Georgia's supreme court overturns a lower court injunction that prevented Gray Television from combining operations of Augusta station WAGT (NBC) with its own WRDW-TV (CBS).[57] Gray acquired WAGT as part of its purchase of Schurz Communications' broadcast properties, a deal the FCC approved on the condition that Gray and Schurz terminate WAGT's shared services and joint sales agreements with Media General-owned WJBF (ABC). Media General won the injunction on February 26 (10 days after Gray took over WAGT), arguing their agreements to operate WAGT were still in force until their expiration in 2020.[58] The FCC on March 10 launches an investigation into Media General's

	actions in the matter,[59] with Media General agreeing on July 14 to pay a $700,000 fine.[60]
28	*OK!TV* is rechristened *Celebrity Page*. The retitling of the program is the result of a change in content partners for the Unconventional Studios-produced, Trifecta-distributed entertainment news program, from American Media (parent of *OK!* magazine) to the Meredith Corporation, whose lifestyle print magazines will provide content for the show. It returns Meredith content to television syndication ten months after the broadcasting and publishing company's national version of the *Better Show* was canceled.[61]
	Georgia Governor Nathan Deal announces he will veto a bill passed by the state's legislature that would allow businesses in the state to deny services based on their religious beliefs.[62] The legislation, HB 757 (referred to as the Free Exercise Protection Act), faced opposition and boycott threats from several studios, producers, and media companies involved in the state's TV industry, who contend that the bill would allow discrimination against those in the LGBT community.[63]
	A cross-show, cross-network meeting of DC Universe characters takes place, as Barry Allen (Grant Gustin of The CW's *The Flash*) travels into National City's dimension to team with Kara Danvers (Melissa Benoist) in the "Worlds Finest" episode of CBS' *Supergirl*. It's the first crossover involving a CW series character on a CBS program. (Both *Flash* and *Supergirl* are produced by Warner Bros. Television and DC Entertainment. Their parent company, Warner Bros., owns The CW equally with CBS.)[64][65]
29	The FCC commences an incentive auction to acquire broadcast spectrum used by television stations. The two-phase process, which is expected to conclude by autumn, began with a "reverse auction" on May 31, participating stations (about 1,800 in 150 markets that transmit on UHF channels 30 to 51 are eligible) are offered bids from the FCC to sell part or all of their bandwidth, with price estimates descending in each round. A "forward auction" followed on August 16, in which the repurposed spectrum will be sold to telecommunications providers, at escalating bids, to upgrade and expand their wireless broadband and Wi-Fi networks. Stations that opt to sell their bandwidth will be given the option to cease or continue operations (those choosing the latter can enter into an agreement with another station's owner to share a digital channel). Most stations that remain in operation will be subsequently reassigned to lower channel numbers, with their vacated frequencies reallocated for wireless use. Revenue to be accrued from the sale/repurposing of spectrum is projected to be as much as $60 billion, with most of the proceeds going to the broadcasters.[66][67][68]
30	CBS announces an affiliation deal with WWAY/Wilmington, NC to move its programming to the station's DT2 subchannel on January 1, 2017 (The move will not affect WWAY's primary affiliation with ABC; the DT2 channel currently carries The CW). CBS will move from low-

	powered WILM-LD (owned by Capitol Broadcasting Company, which dropped CBS from WRAL-TV/Raleigh on February 29).[69]
	WTAE-TV/Pittsburgh dismisses news anchor Wendy Bell after she posts material on her official Facebook page considered stereotypical of African-Americans in the aftermath of a mass shooting in Wilkinsburg, PA that claimed five lives. In the post, which was later taken down, Bell described the killers, who were yet to be identified or arrested, as "young black men" who the criminal justice system was familiar with and who "have multiple siblings from multiple fathers and their mothers work multiple jobs." Management for the ABC-affiliated WTAE and parent company Hearst Television said Bell's comments displayed an "egregious lack of judgment" and "were inconsistent with the company's ethics and journalistic standards." Bell, who had been an 18-year veteran of WTAE, claims she was referring to black-on-black crime in general and didn't get a "fair shake" from the station.[70]
31	In the wake of a *Hollywood Reporter* investigation into "pay-to-play" casting workshops, ABC Studios dismisses *Criminal Minds* casting director Scott David. David, who had been with the CBS series since its 2005 debut, was profiled as one of several proprietors of acting workshops (David's is named The Actors Link) that charge actors to perform scenes for and gain advice from those directly involved in the casting of TV projects — in essence, paying a fee to audition. Such a practice has been deemed illegal under a 2009 California law (The Krekorian Talent Scam Prevention Act) that has never been fully enforced by local officials.[71]

April[edit]

Date	Event
1	The Nexstar-owned Lafayette, Louisiana duopoly of KLAF-LD (NBC) and KADN (Fox) launch a news department, beginning with three weekday and two Saturday and Sunday newscasts on KLAF, and a weeknight-only prime time newscast on KADN. A weekday morning newscast on KLAF subsequently debuted on April 4. The programs on KLAF-LD replace news simulcasts from Baton Rouge sister station WVLA-TV, which KLAF had carried since it became Lafayette's NBC affiliate on July 1, 2015,[72][73] while the KADN newscast replaces a five-minute news summary that previously aired on the station. The launch of the news department follows the physical expansion and equipment upgrade of the KLAF/KADN studios in Lafayette.[74]
	John McMurray, a meteorologist at WJRT-TV/Flint/Tri-Cities (whose reports were also syndicated on several Michigan radio stations, earning him the nickname "Michigan's

	Weatherman"), retires after 47 years on the air.[75]
4	Fox affiliate WZDX/Huntsville, Alabama debuts its in-house news department with the relaunch of its nightly 9:00 p.m. newscast, which expands from 30 to 60 minutes. The change followed the April 3 termination of a news share agreement with Calkins Media-owned WAAY-TV that – since it took over production of the program from the Independent News Network in September 2009 – saw the ABC affiliate produce news content for WZDX (which was acquired by Nexstar Broadcasting Group as part of its 2013 purchase of Grant Broadcasting System II), as well as Nexstar's $3.3 million renovation of the station's studio facility in northern Huntsville.[76][77]
	The Villanova Wildcats defeat the North Carolina Tar Heels 77-74 in the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship, which aired on cable television for the first time ever as part of a deal which will see the championship alternate between TBS and CBS.[78][79]
5	The Starz Inc. channels undergo a brand reformatting, as Starz introduces a new universal logo for its channels and Encore is renamed Starz Encore to unify the brand identity for the group's two flagship premium cable channels. The extension of the Starz brand to Encore (which ironically launched Starz in 1994, as part of its themed multiplex) will also include the addition of repeats of Starz original programming on some of the latter's channels.[80] The Starz reformat also corresponds with the launch of the network's over-the-top/TV Everywhere service equivalent to HBO Now and Showtime's OTT service for mobile devices and digital media players simply known as Starz, and the merger of Encore and MoviePlex content from their individual apps – Encore Play and MoviePlex Play – into that service.[81]
7	The Fox reality talent competition series *American Idol* airs its final episode after fifteen seasons. Trent Harmon is named the final winner, while La'Porsha Renae is runner-up. The finale showcased featuring appearances by all fourteen previous winners, several finalists and personalities from the series' history.[82]
11	Calkins Media announces that the company will sell its three television stations (all of which are ABC affiliates) to Raycom Media. Raycom will acquire WWSB/Sarasota and WTXL-TV/Tallahassee, Florida outright, while its partner company American Spirit Media will acquire the license assets of WAAY-TV/Huntsville, Alabama, with Raycom likely operating it under an outsourcing agreement with its existing NBC affiliate in that market, WAFF.[83]
12	Al Jazeera America ceases programming with a three-hour retrospective special.[84] Lauded for its journalism since its August 2013 launch, the network was plagued by persistently low

	ratings (particularly during prime time), lack of tanglible cable carriage, and internal controversies. A limited number of the approximately 700 staffers laid off by the shutdown of AJAM and its website (which went into archive-only mode on February 26) may be transferred to its sister network, the Qatar-based Al Jazeera English.[85][86]
14	After 11 years, USA Network retires its "Characters Welcome" slogan in favor of a new brand positioning, "We the Bold", that encapsulates the network's evolved programming strategy.[87]
17	The Sunday edition of NBC's morning news/talk show *Today* makes a revamp with the debut of *Sunday Today with Willie Geist*.[88] The newly reformatted program, anchored by the weekday show's third-hour anchor Willie Geist, provides news coverage and in-depth profiles of the people and ideas shaping American culture (a behind-the-scenes look at the Broadway musical *Hamilton* is featured on the premiere episode). The new format brings it into line with its rival, *CBS News Sunday Morning* (where Geist's father Bill has been a longtime contributor).[89]
20	Saying in a statement that they are "an inclusive company," ESPN dismisses Curt Schilling for unacceptable conduct after he shares a photo on Facebook deemed critical of transgender people. It is the latest in a series of controversial political statements made by the former Major League Baseball pitcher turned ESPN analyst.[90]
21	With the sudden passing of Prince at his Paisley Park Studios complex/home on this date, TV Guide changed their background logo from red to purple,[91]joining the local media outlets in the Minneapolis-St. Paul market, along with other businesses based in the area, in honor of the musician.[92] In addition, MTV also changed its logo to purple and suspended its regular programming to air Prince's videos and movies as a tribute to being a core artist on the channel during its days as a non-stop music video channel.[93] Two days later, Jimmy Fallon hosted a retrospective *Saturday Night Live* special titled "Goodnight Sweet Prince" featuring Prince's past performances on the show, as well as a compilation of clips of "The Prince Show", in which Fred Armisen as Prince and Maya Rudolph as Beyoncé hosted a talk show together.[94]
25	KICU-TV/San Jose rebrands from "TV 36" to "KTVU Plus." The new branding for the Fox-owned independent station reflects KICU's relationship to its Fox-affiliated Bay Area sister station KTVU/Oakland and includes an expansion of KTVU-produced news programming on KICU.[95]
26	The Department of Justice and the FCC approves the merger between Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications, including Charter's acquisition of Bright House

	Networks. The finalized deal is subject to conditions, including requirements for Charter to refrain from implementing usage-based billing, nor use its dominant position to hinder online video services (including a prohibition on interconnection fees).[96][97] Charter would formally complete the transactions on May 18, becoming the second-largest cable provider in the U.S.[98] On the same day, Time Warner and Charter both rebrand as Spectrum.[99]
27	Core Media Group – the parent of 19 Entertainment, the production company behind *American Idol* and *So You Think You Can Dance* – files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the wake of falling profits and the ratings decline of *Idol* that resulted in the series ending its 15-year run. Among the parties who Core owes money to include $3.37 million to creator Simon Fuller and an additional $398 million to third parties, including Tennenbaum Capital Partners and Crestview Media Investors.[100]
28	After setting his own car on fire, a 25-year-old man dressed in a panda costume and surgical mask who claimed to have a bomb strapped to his chest enters the lobby of the facility housing Sinclair Broadcast Group's Baltimore flagship stations, WBFF (Fox), WNUV (The CW) and WUTB (MyNetworkTV), and demands them to broadcast his message about the U.S. space program, resulting in the evacuation of staff from the studio complex. After exiting the studios, the man is later shot and wounded by police, who discover that the supposed bomb was in fact a flotation device filled with aluminum foil-wrapped chocolate candy bars with wiring attached to them.[101]

May[edit]

Date	Event
1	*General Hospital* and the *Live* hosting team of Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan are among the notable winners at the 43rd Daytime Emmy Awards.[102] The ceremony has an online-only broadcast for the second time in three years, one year after a successful conventional telecast on Pop.[103]
6	Network Knowledge, a member network of four PBS stations (three full-power outlets and one translator) serving Central Illinois, drastically reduces its broadcast schedule over-the-air to offer 12 to 13 hours of programming a day (weekdays from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and weekends from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.), as part of money-saving efforts enacted to account for the Illinois state budget stand-off, along with other further reductions in donor revenue and production contracts. The regional network continues to provide a 24-hour schedule over local cable providers and AT&T U-verse through a direct fiber optic link to Comcast (the schedule reduction also affects satellite providers DirecTV and Dish Network, which both

	receive the signals of the Network Knowledge stations through the OTA feed).[104]
7	A revamped weekend edition of CBS' evening newscast debuts. Titled the *CBS Weekend News* and anchored by Reena Ninan (on Saturdays) and Elaine Quijano (on Sundays), the newscast draws from the resources of the network's online news channel, CBSN.[105]
9	NBC Sports confirms that Mike Tirico will join the network effective July 1, becoming its lead play-by-play announcer for the late half of the season of *Thursday Night Football*, which is shared with NFL Network. He officially joins the network on July 14 as part the network's coverage of The Open Championship. Tirico had been a 25-year veteran of ESPN, where he covered various sports in an anchor or announcer capacity, most notably play-by-play on *Monday Night Football* since 2006.[106] Tirico will be succeeded in the ESPN *MNF* booth by Sean McDonough.[107] However, the NFL officially nixes the plan for Tirico to announce *TNF* games on August 20, claiming that contract language for NBC to carry the late half games specifies that the network's top team of Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth are required to announce the games without a possibility of substitution, despite their commitments to *Sunday Night Football*.[108]
12	CBS officially announces the cancellation of *CSI: Cyber* after two seasons, ending the sixteen season television run of the CSI franchise.[109] The network also announces that freshman drama *Supergirl* will move to The CW for its second season, with the latter network now airing four original DC Comics based series across its prime time lineup (alongside *Arrow*, *Legends of Tomorrow* and *The Flash*).[110]
13	Michael Strahan ends his four-year-run as co-host of *Live with Kelly and Michael*. It is a bittersweet end to what had been a controversial situation, which began on April 19 when Strahan announced he would leave the show to become a full-time host on ABC's *Good Morning America*, which he joined as a correspondent in 2014. Caught by surprise by Strahan's announcement, *Live* co-host Kelly Ripa was absent for three episodes (the latter two coinciding with an already planned vacation with husband Mark Consuelos), reportedly in protest over what she felt was ABC's prioritization of *GMA* over *Live* (the latter is distributed by ABC's syndication arm). With Strahan's departure, guest co-hosts will sit alongside Ripa on *Live* until a permanent co-host is named.[111][112]
14	Logo broadcasts the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest. This was the first time that the annual pan-European song competition was broadcast live on American television.[113]
15	For the first time in its history, *The Simpsons* incorporates a live-to-air animation segment featuring motion capture technology. The three-minute live scene, part of the episode

	"Simprovised" (in which Homer Simpson takes up improvisational theatre), features Homer (voiced by Dan Castellaneta) talking about things he "could only be saying live on that day" and answering questions fielded from viewers on Twitter between May 1 and May 4.[114]
	In recognition of his retirement from CBS News, Morley Safer is feted by *60 Minutes* with a one-hour tribute titled "Morley Safer: A Reporter's Life", a special – airing as part of an extended two-hour edition of the newsmagazine – which chronicled his journalism career and notable stories during his tenure with the program. Safer (who died four days later on May 19) had been a correspondent with *60 Minutes* since 1970.[115]
16	A U.S. District Court judge dismisses WHDH/Boston's lawsuit against NBC parent Comcast,[116] clearing the way for the network to set up its own NBC O&O station in the Boston market (possibly using the company's existing Telemundo station WNEU) on January 1, 2017, one day after its contract with WHDH expires.[117] WHDH owner Sunbeam Television filed the suit on March 10 in a challenge to the move NBC originally announced on January 7. WHDH contended that NBC's move would violate a caveat in the 2011 Comcast/NBCUniversal merger to commit to over-the-air broadcasting and public interest issues (the signal of the Merrimack, New Hampshire-based WNEU reaches only the northern half of the Boston market, with marginal coverage in the city proper).[118]
	MyNetworkTV affiliate KRON-TV/San Francisco launches an hour-long newscast at 10:00 p.m.[119] The program (which resulted in the station reducing its half-hour 11:00 p.m. newscast to 15 minutes and moving MyNetworkTV's second hour of programming to late night) competes with those aired in that hour on fellow Bay Area stations KTVU/Oakland (Fox) and KBCW (The CW, the latter is produced by CBS O&O sister KPIX). KRON had previously attempted a 10:00 p.m. newscast when it experimented with timeshifting network prime time programs and its late news one hour early in August 1992 as an NBC affiliate, only to resume airing them in the traditional 8:00-11:35 p.m. (Pacific Time) slot in September 1993 due to declining ratings (with its late news ratings falling behind KTVU's long-dominant prime time newscast).[120][121]
20	Due to technical issues, a Whitney Houston hologram that was going to perform with Christina Aguilera on *The Voice* for the season finale the following Tuesday was axed.[122]
22	The Weeknd and Adele are among the notable winners at the 2016 Billboard Music Awards.[123] The ceremony (which also featured Adele's music video premiere for "Send My Love (To Your New Lover)", Madonna's special tribute performance to Prince (who died on April 21) and Britney Spears and Celine Dion being honored as Millennium Award and Icon Award recipients, respectively) broadcasts live on ABC in all time zones for the first time (following the same practice done by CBS' 58th Grammy Awards in February), and sets a

	record of 3.1 rating and 9.60 million in total viewers, the lowest for the awards ceremony since the 2012 telecast.[124]
23	After months of stalled negotiations between the company and network co-parent CBS Corporation concerning financial terms (specifically the amount of reverse compensation that the network sought from the group's stations in exchange for carrying its programming), Tribune Media reaches a new affiliation agreement with The CW through the 2020-21 season, involving 12 of its stations (including WPIX/New York City and KTLA/Los Angeles). The company's Chicago flagship WGN-TV is exempt from the deal, and will instead become an independent station – with the CW affiliation moving to MyNetworkTV O&O WPWR-TV – after the network's initial ten-year agreement with Tribune (signed in January 2006) expires on September 1 (details are outlined further in that date's entry).[125][126][127]
24	Nyle DiMarco is crowned the 22nd season winner of *Dancing with the Stars*, becoming the first deaf contestant to win the show.[128]
25	Ron Howes, a chief meteorologist at WTVF/Nashville, Tennessee, retires after 36 years on the air.[129]
27	Nexstar Broadcasting Group announces the sale of five television stations, including one it is divesting to comply with ownership conflicts with Media General-owned stations prior to receiving FCC approval of its merger with that group. Nexstar plans to sell CW affiliate WCWJ/Jacksonville, Florida and NBC affiliate WSLS/Roanoke-Lynchburg, Virginia to Graham Media Group for $120 million (with the former's sale creating a duopoly – Graham's first – with independent station WJXT pending approval, and the latter alleviating a conflict with the Nexstar-owned duopoly of Fox affiliate WFXR and CW affiliate WWCW); Fox affiliate KADN-TV and NBC affiliate KLAF-LD to Bayou City Broadcasting for $40 million (to alleviate a conflict with Media General-owned CBS affiliate KLFY-TV); and CBS affiliate KREG-TV/Glenwood Springs, Colorado to Marquee Broadcasting for $350,000 (KREG, which is considered part of the Denver DMA, is expected to cease operating as a satellite of KREX-TV/Grand Junction upon consummation of the sale).[130][131]
	In celebration of its 100th original television movie *Adventures in Babysitting*, Disney Channel celebrates the milestone by airing all 99 of the network's previous original movies released between 1997 and 2015 in the lead-up to the June 24 premiere of the made-for-TV remake of the 1987 feature film, starting with a four-day marathon of 51 of the channel's most popular original movies over the Memorial Day long weekend, followed by airings of these and the remaining 48 films afterwards and through the month of June.[132]

	In interviews with *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and WVXU, talk show host Bill Cunningham announces he will end his self-titled daytime TV talk show, produced by Tribune Media and ITV Studios America and airing on The CW, after five seasons to focus solely on his local radio show for WLW/Cincinnati and family matters.[133][134] The CW will fill the void Cunningham leaves behind by adding a new talk show hosted by Robert Irvine that will debut in September.[135]
29	With tickets for the race sold out, the local TV blackout is lifted for the Indianapolis 500. It's the first time since 1950, and the first time since ABC began live "flag-to-flag" coverage of the event in 1986, that the race airs live in central Indiana. WRTV/Indianapolis carries the ABC broadcast live after airing it only on tape-delay in previous years.[136]

June[edit]

Date	Event
1	Trinity Broadcasting Network and the international congregation Hillsong Church launch Hillsong Channel, a joint venture channel in line with the Sydney, Australia-based Hillsong's American expansion plans (the network launches by coincidence one day after the death of TBN co-founder Jan Crouch). Hillsong replaces The Church Channel, which launched in January 2002 and focused on church services and other evangelistic programming; its replacement by Hillsong makes the new channel available over-the-air on the second subchannels of TBN's O&Os, as well as on select cable and satellite providers.[137][138][139]
	WTGS/Savannah, Georgia assumes production responsibilities for its nightly 10:00 p.m. newscast. The transfer of news operations in-house by the Fox-affiliated WTGS follows the May 31 termination of a news share agreement with Hearst Television-owned WJCL, under which the ABC affiliate had been producing a prime time newscast for WTGS since 1996 (WTGS was co-managed with WJCL under a concurrent shared services agreement from 1993 until 2014, when, to alleviate a conflict with its existing ownership of NBC affiliate WSAV-TV that was created by the group's merger with LIN Media, Media General sold WJCL to Hearst and the non-license assets of WTGS to Sinclair Broadcast Group, which later acquired the latter's license outright).[140][141][142]
3	Gray Television announces its intent to purchase WBAY-TV/Green Bay, Wisconsin (ABC) and NBC affiliate KWQC-TV/Davenport, Iowa from Media General for $270 million. The deal is expected to be completed concurrently with the closing of the Media General/Nexstar Broadcasting Group merger. The divestitures of WBAY and KWQC will allow Nexstar to

	comply with FCC ownership rules in advance of the deal's approval proceedings (Nexstar already owns and operates stations in both markets, including CBS-affiliated WFRV-TV/Green Bay and WHBF-TV/Davenport).[143]
5	In a segment for HBO's *Last Week Tonight* about the debt-buying industry, especially "zombie debt" (debt long thought to be settled and buried but comes back to life for collection), host John Oliver announces what is termed as the biggest giveaway in TV history: Oliver reveals he set up an organization called "Central Asset Recovery Professionals" (aka CARP), which purchased, for $60,000, under $15 million in medical debts owed by 9,000 debtors, information on which CARP forwards to a debt-forgiving agency.[144][145] Oliver's debt giveaway surpasses Oprah Winfrey's $8 million automobile giveaway in a 2004 episode of her talk show.[146]
10	Fox Sports Networks dismisses reporter Emily Austen after she makes questionable comments about ethnic groups in a podcast for Barstool Sports. Austen had worked on a per-event basis for Fox's Florida-based regional networks, Fox Sports Florida and Fox Sports Sun, including serving as a sideline reporter for Tampa Bay Rays and Orlando Magic broadcasts.[147]
12	42 stations owned and/or operated by Tribune Broadcasting in 34 states, as well as WGN America, are removed from Dish Network due to a carriage dispute pertaining to a proposal in which Tribune wanted the satellite provider to increase the amount of retransmission revenue shared with the group. In response, Dish Network offers free over-the-air antennas to affected customers.[148]
	Showtime airs the series finale of *House of Lies*, the first American scripted television series episode shot in Cuba since the restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries.[149]
	In the wake of a mass shooting at an Orlando nightclub that left 50 people dead and 53 wounded, the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, TNT pulls the third-season premiere of *The Last Ship* from the schedule due to a similar story line involving an explosion at a nightclub. The episode was rescheduled to premiere the following Sunday.[150]
13	USA Television MidAmerica Holdings (a joint venture between Heartland Media and MSouth Equity Partners) announces its intent to purchase five small-market stations being spun off by Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Media General for $115 million. USA Television will acquire Fox affiliate WFFT/Fort Wayne, Indiana and ABC affiliate KQTV/St. Joseph, Missouri from Nexstar, and CBS affiliates KIMT/Rochester, Minnesota, WTHI/Terre

	Haute and WLFI/Lafayette, Indiana from Media General. The divestitures will allow Nexstar to comply with FCC ownership rules (specifically pertaining to national market coverage for station owners) in advance of the approval proceedings of the merger of both groups (Nexstar already owns NBC affiliate WTWO and operates ABC affiliate WAWV-TV in Terre Haute, and plans to acquire Media General-owned CBS affiliate WANE-TV in Fort Wayne).[151]
19	The 2016 NBA Finals, which saw the Cleveland Cavaliers win their first championship ever (ending a 52-year drought for Cleveland sports teams) after defeating the previous champions (as well as a rematch from 2015 Finals) the Golden State Warriors with a 93-89 victory at Oracle Arena in Oakland, posted its largest ratings ever, as Game 7 scored a massive 30.8 million viewers, which follows the record-breaking 18.9 rating among metered market households that arrived earlier on Monday and stands as the biggest showing ABC has ever had for a NBA game since the network started broadcasting the league back in 2003. It also breaks a record among highly rated NBA Finals telecasts, which was previously held by a match between the Chicago Bulls (in what would become the final game Michael Jordan would play with the team) and the Utah Jazz in 1998.[152]
26	Adult Swim launches the first television episode on Vine, the pilot episode of *Brad Neely's Harg Nallin' Sclopio Peepio*.[153]
27	The FCC makes minor changes to its media cross-ownership rules, specifically those pertaining to radio and television stations. While the outlined rules retain existing limits allowing ownership of two television stations (in addition to restoring rules on joint sales agreements overturned by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on May 25) and continued prohibition on ownership of a newspaper and a radio and/or a television station in a single market (with a possible exception that would call for relaxations of the rule that would provide exemptions for failing properties under waivers), the proposed rules now prohibit a broadcaster or owner of two network affiliates that rank among the four highest-rated stations within one market from changing a station's primary network affiliation as a way to circumvent the ban, although this rule does not apply to dual affiliations that a station may offer via digital multicasting.[154][155]
29	NBC affiliate WRAL-TV/Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina becomes the first television station to launch a full-time commercial ATSC 3.0 digital signal, under an FCC-issued experimental license. The Capitol Broadcasting Company flagship station – which had launched the first digital television signal in the U.S. in 1996, using the current ATSC 1.0 standard – signs on the feed with an HD simulcast of its noon newscast and a 4K ultra-high-definition broadcast of the documentary, *Take Me Out to the Bulls Game*. Initially having only a small signal range of the area around the station's studio facility, WRAL plans to conduct public tests and measurement of the 3.0 signal throughout the market in 2017.[156]

30	Lionsgate announces it will acquire Starz Inc. and its suite of premium entertainment networks (Starz, Starz Encore and MoviePlex) in a $4.4 billion cash and stock deal. Barring a divestiture of Lionsgate's interest in the latter service, the acquisition – which is expected to close by the end of 2016 – will add three additional premium services to the studio's portfolio, as it already owns a 30% stake in Epix as part of a joint venture with Viacom (through Paramount Pictures) and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.[157][158][159]
	The Walt Disney Company reportedly reaches a deal with Major League Baseball to acquire a 33-percent stake in its interactive media unit, valued at $3.5 billion, with an option to obtain an additional 33-percent stake in the next four years. Bloomberg speculates Disney could use the service to create an attractive online-streaming model for its ESPN sports properties.[160]
	Ramar Communications Inc. announces its intent to purchase Fox affiliate KASA-TV/Santa Fe/Albuquerque from Media General for $2.5 million. KASA's sale to Ramar, which will create a quadropoly with 3 other Ramar-owned low-power stations in the market (Telemundo affiliate KTEL-CD, Movies! affiliate KUPT-LD and MeTV affiliate KRTN-LD), is expected to be completed concurrently with the closing of the Media General/Nexstar Broadcasting Group merger (Nexstar plans to acquire CBS affiliate KRQE from Media General, and the company plans to operate CW affiliate KWBQ and MyNetwork TV affiliate KASY owned by Tamer Media). It will also lead to the likely migration of Fox programming to a KRQE subchannel, with Telemundo programming moving to KASA.[161]

July[edit]

Date	Event
4	NBC broadcasts the 40th anniversary of *Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular*. The 2016 edition – hosted by *Today* and MSNBC's Tamron Hall and Willie Geist – featured a 25-minute fireworks display over the East River in New York City and performances by Meghan Trainor, Kenny Chesney, Pitbull, 5 Seconds of Summer, Sara Bareilles, DNCE and Jennifer Holliday (the latter of whom performed a recorded version of "America the Beautiful" with the United States Air Force Band, which was played during the fireworks display). Traditionally held every Fourth of July since 1976, the Macy's fireworks show was first televised on WPIX/New York City and in syndication in 1991 before moving to NBC for its national broadcast in 2000.[162]
5	PBS issues an apology after airing old footage of Washington, D.C. fireworks display during its live broadcast of *A Capitol Fourth*. In a statement, PBS stated that the show decided to intercut the footage of fireworks from its previous concerts due to an overcast weather

	condition in Washington, D.C. on Monday night (July 4), which caused several reactions from its viewers.[163]
6	Fox affiliate WLUK-TV/Green Bay, Wisconsin announces a multi-year deal with ESPN for local over-the-air simulcast rights to the cable network's *Monday Night Football* broadcasts featuring the Green Bay Packers.[164] WLUK's deal is noteworthy in that it leaves ABC affiliate WBAY-TV without scheduled Packers broadcasts for the 2016 NFL season. WBAY, the oldest TV station in the Green Bay/Fox Cities market, had carried at least one Packer game each season (either through its affiliations with CBS or ABC, its former simulcast deal with ESPN, or through local pre-season broadcasts) since it signed on in 1953.
11	Just moments before KPNX/Phoenix reporter Joe Dana wraps up a story, his cameraman catches a 60-year-old man slapping a woman in a wheelchair on air. The live shot, and its resulting viral status, sparks outrage from viewers, resulting in the man's immediate arrest minutes after viewers call the police.[165]
21	21st Century Fox announces that Roger Ailes has resigned as chairman and chief executive of Fox News Networks, LLC (the parent division of Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network) effective immediately, with Fox executive co-chairman Rupert Murdoch succeeding Ailes on an interim basis.[166] Ailes, who had been with Fox News since its founding in 1996 and will transition into a non-corporate role as Murdoch's advisor, has been facing several accusations of sexual harassment and gender discrimination, notably from former FNC personality Gretchen Carlson, who filed a lawsuit against Ailes on June 30 following the announcement that her contract with the channel was not renewed.[167] Fox later settled with Carlson for $20 million.[168]
	Citing "difficulty acquiring parts," Japanese electronics manufacturer Funai announces it will discontinue production of VHS video cassette recorders at the end of July. Funai is believed to be the last-known company still manufacturing VCR technology.[169]
24	CNN suspends the contract of analyst Donna Brazile after she is named interim chief of the Democratic National Committee, a role she'll oversee until after the end of the 2016 elections (Brazile is also the DNC's vice-president); she later resigned on October 16. The move comes as Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Florida's 23rd) steps down as DNC chair (one day before the start of the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia) in the wake of a series of leaked DNC e-mails involving staffers making negative remarks toward Bernie Sanders during his challenge against Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Democratic presidential primaries.[170]

28	A major change takes place on *Sesame Street* when producers of the Sesame Workshop-produced HBO/PBS children's program announce that longtime cast members Bob McGrath (Bob Johnson), Roscoe Orman (Gordon Robinson) and Emilio Delgado (Luis Rodriguez), all of whom had been on the show for over 40 years, would not return as a result of a retooling of the show for its upcoming 47th season (McGrath is the longest tenured of the three, having starred on *Sesame Street* since its series premiere in 1969).[171]

August[edit]

Date	Event
1	On the 35th anniversary of the original MTV's launch, parent company Viacom rebrands VH1 Classic as MTV Classic, with an emphasis on MTV programming from the 1990s and 2000s.[172] It is the third rebranding of a Viacom Media Networks music channel in 2016 (CMT Pure Country became CMT Music on January 4, while Palladia became MTV Live on February 1), and is the last of the group's VH1-branded digital networks to be transferred under the brand of one of its sister networks (VH1 Soul was rebranded as BET Soul in December 2015).[173][174] The first program on MTV Classic is an archived recording of MTV's first hour of programming from this date in 1981, which also aired on its 30th anniversary in 2011.
	Quincy Media shuffles network affiliations in four Midwestern markets. As part of a restructuring resulting from FCC ownership restrictions cited in relation to its 2015 purchase of several Granite Broadcasting stations, ABC affiliate WPTA-TV assumes the NBC affiliation for Fort Wayne, Indiana for its second subchannel (MyNetworkTV was moved to WPTA-DT3), while longtime NBC station WISE-TV (owned by SagamoreHill Broadcasting) takes the CW affiliation formerly held by WPTA-DT2 for its main channel;[175] in Duluth, Minnesota, NBC station KBJR-TV also adds a subchannel-only affiliation with CBS, taking over for SagamoreHill-owned KDLH, which assumes KBJR-DT2's former CW affiliation (the MyNetworkTV affiliation remains on KBJR-DT3). Through an unrelated agreement with Sinclair Broadcast Group announced on July 27, the Fox affiliation in South Bend, Indiana moves to the existing second subchannel of Sinclair's CBS affiliate WSBT-TV, resulting in WSJV/Elkhart shuttering its news department and reducing its staff to an FCC-minimum two-person skeleton crew, with only a few staffers from WSJV being retained for the new Fox operation. After a 60-day transition period, WSJV will move its Heroes & Icons affiliation to its main channel while awaiting a rumored dissolution in the FCC spectrum auction.[176] In exchange for the South Bend Fox affiliation, Quincy acquires the ABC and CW affiliations associated with Sinclair's WHOI/Peoria, Illinois, creating a duopoly with NBC affiliate WEEK-TV, with WHOI's ABC and CW affiliations moving to WEEK's second and third subchannels, respectively.[177][178][179]
5–21	The 2016 Summer Olympics – which were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – airs

	on NBC, Telemundo and seven of their sister cable networks (NBCSN, CNBC, MSNBC, Bravo, Golf Channel, NBC Universo and USA Network), with a combined 6,700 hours of live coverage being broadcast across the NBCUniversal-owned linear networks, two dedicated basketball- and soccer-only channels and NBC Sports' streaming platforms.[180][181][182] Outside of the opening and closing ceremonies, which aired on a one-hour delay, and a limited selection of high-profile events (such as gymnastics), this marked the first Olympics since 1996 in which NBC aired most events live in the Continental United States (Rio is located in the UTC-03:00 time offset – corresponding to the North American Atlantic Time Zone – during the Southern Hemisphere winter).[183] As it had to some extent for the 2016 games, the network has faced criticism in recent years for tape delaying many high-profile Olympic events to prime time to accrue higher viewership for the telecasts, as well as for delaying the opening and closing ceremonies for editorial reasons, as coverage of post-event results has become widely available online through news and social media outlets.[184][185][186] The Olympics also become the first sports telecast to provide a live Descriptive Video Service audio track for the blind, with NBC offering real-time descriptions for its prime time event coverage (the first program to feature real-time DVS audio was NBC's November 2015 telecast of *The Wiz Live*).[187][188][189]
6	With one final assignment on this date (the network's coverage of the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony), Tom Jackson retires after a 29-year career as a NFL studio analyst for ESPN.[190]
	Hulu shifts to a subscription-only model, placing the content featured on its main website behind a pay wall. The streaming service's free content – which notably includes the "rolling five" recent episodes of various broadcast and cable series – moves to Yahoo! View, a new service launched as part of an expansion of an existing partnership between Hulu and Yahoo!.[191][192][193]
12	Thomas Gibson is dismissed from the cast of *Criminal Minds*. The firing of Gibson, who had played Aaron Hotchner on the CBS crime drama since its September 2005 premiere, comes after his involvement in an on-set argument with series writer/co-executive producer Virgil Williams over an episode storyline, which led to Gibson physically assaulting Williams by kicking the writer in the shin.[194]
13–14	Two television news crews in Milwaukee are involved in incidents during riots stemming form a fatal shooting of an armed African-American suspect by police: on the 13th, a crew from CBS affiliate WDJT-TV is attacked by a group of protesters and their equipment is stolen while reporting from the location of a burned-out gas station set afire during the protests.[195] On the 14th, a crew from ABC affiliate WISN-TV is forced to retreat from the area after protesters throw rocks and other objects at the station's vehicle.[196]

17	The News-Press & Gazette Company announces that it will switch the primary affiliation of CW Plus affiliate KBJO-LD in St. Joseph, Missouri to NBC sometime in the fall (later confirmed to be November 1), with the KNPG-LD call letters assigned to its Telemundo-affiliated sister station on UHF channel 30 being transferred to KBJO's channel 21 license at that time (KBJO's existing CW affiliation will move to a new DT2 subchannel). This will give the St. Joseph market its first locally based NBC affiliate (the network has been available locally through its affiliates from the adjacent Kansas City market, WDAF-TV until that station's September 1994 switch to Fox and KSHB-TV afterward) and its fourth locally based major network affiliate (News-Press & Gazette also owns Fox affiliate KNPN-LD, which signed on alongside KBJO-LD in July 2012 as competitors to Nexstar-owned ABC affiliate KQTV). It will also leave CBS and MyNetworkTV as the only networks available in St. Joseph through Kansas City-based stations (their respective affiliates for that market, KCTV and KSMO-TV, are viewable over-the-air and carried on Suddenlink, DirecTV and Dish Network in St. Joseph).[197]
21	Coinciding with the closing ceremony of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the Olympic Channel, an over-the-top digital platform service of the International Olympic Committee, launches. The service – which aims to maintain year-round interest in Olympic sports between iterations of the Summer and Winter Olympics, especially among a younger audience – features coverage of competitions in Olympic sport, as well as short and long-form content focusing on Olympic athletes.[198]
22	Major changes take place on NBC's morning news/talk show *Today*, with former *Access Hollywood* host Billy Bush becoming the new anchor of its third-hour segment *Today's Take*, succeeding Willie Geist (who will continue to anchor *Sunday Today with Willie Geist* and on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*), and Natalie Morales moving to Los Angeles to become its West Coast anchor, as well as a host of KNBC-produced syndicated entertainment news program and its spinoff, *Access Hollywood Live*.[199][200] In addition, the program announces that it will not have a separate news anchor following Morales' West Coast transition, and instead, anchors Matt Lauer and Savannah Guthrie read the headlines during the program's first two hours, marking the second time that the program without having a separate news anchor since Tom Brokaw and Jane Pauley held that position from 1979 to 1981.[201]

September[edit]

Date	Event
1	The CW affiliation in Chicago moves from Tribune Media flagship station WGN-TV, which becomes an independent station, to Fox-owned MyNetworkTV O&O WPWR-TV (which retains the latter network's schedule as a late-night offering). The switch – which ends WGN's

	21-year tenure as a network affiliate (it became a WB affiliate in January 1995, then joined The CW in September 2006) – will allow the station to carry additional sports telecasts it produces through its local broadcast contracts with the Chicago Cubs (MLB), White Sox (MLB), Bulls (NBA) and Blackhawks (NHL) that it previously had to lease to WPWR (and WCIU-TV beforehand) due to network-imposed annual preemption limits. The CW's move to WPWR – announced concurrently with the May 23 renewal of an affiliation agreement involving Tribune's 12 other CW-affiliated stations – marks the first time that Fox has aligned one of its stations with the network under a long-term deal (as The CW initially chose to affiliate with most of Tribune and CBS's WB and UPN stations, instead of Fox's UPN affiliates) and the second time it has operated a CW affiliate (to fulfill an existing contract, Fox ran WJZY/Belmont-Charlotte, North Carolina as a CW station for three months after completing its purchase of the station before converting it into a Fox O&O in July 2013). WPWR also becomes the largest station by market size to maintain a dual CW/MyNetworkTV affiliation.[125][126][127][202]
5	Doug Llewelyn returns to the *The People's Court* as the host and litigant interviewer, a role he had previously maintained for the entirety of the first run of the series, during Judge Wapner's tenure (1981-1993).[203]
6	After 14 years, Greta Van Susteren announces that she is stepping down as host of *On the Record* and leaving Fox News Channel effective immediately to pursue other opportunities, taking advantage of her contract clause that allowed her to leave the network if she chooses, later explaining that she felt her tenure and the environment at the network there was "unhappy." Fox News senior political analyst Brit Hume is tapped as *On the Record*'s interim host for the rest of the 2016 election cycle.[204]
7	In a 3-2 vote, the FCC formally abolishes an ownership percentage discount it had applied to television stations on the UHF band (channels 14 and upward) which had become outmoded after the digital transition, when the vast majority of stations moved to the UHF band. The discount, which was implemented in 1985 at a time UHF stations were stigmatized before cable television stunted the band's former disadvantages, applied 50% of a UHF station's market reach to the station owner's nationwide household cap (which currently resides at 39%). Station groups that maintained a combined market reach totaling over the national cap (such as Tribune Broadcasting, Ion Media Networks and Univision Communications) prior to the initial 2013 rulemaking proposal will not be forced to sell stations as a result of the discount's elimination, though they will need to conform to the cap in future transactions. The abolishment of the UHF discount has been panned by groups such as Sinclair Broadcast Group and Fox Television Stations, since the national cap would not concurrently be raised nor would a reversed "VHF discount" in the digital age (VHF stations are more prone to digital interference) be applied to account for competition in the broadcasting marketplace, restricting them from acquiring additional stations.[205]

	With the USS Intrepid (CV-11) in New York City as a backdrop, NBC and MSNBC air the *Commander-in-Chief Forum*. The Q&A event, sponsored by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, featured the respective Democratic and Republican candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, fielding questions from moderator Matt Lauer and active, reserve and retired members of the military in separate half-hour segments. The event draws 15 million viewers but also wide criticism – from the media, viewers and NBC executives – over Lauer's performance, which was seen as too rushed and biased, especially towards Clinton during the first half (a narrow focus on her controversial use of a private e-mail server, constraining time for questions on her national security proposals), while being too soft and easy on Trump in the second half (with Lauer primarily focusing on Trump's controversial statements about veterans and not disputing Trump's claim that he never supported the Iraq War).[206][207]
9	Viacom Media Networks completes the cycle of rebranding their smaller cable networks, replacing MTV Hits and moving it under the editorial control of Nickelodeon under the new name NickMusic. The network will retain the contemporary hit format originated by MTV Hits, with its music video content being re-targeted towards children ages 2–14 (complimenting the radio network it operates in partnership with iHeartMedia, Nick Radio).[208]
10	MSG Western New York launches with a prime time cut in. The new regional sports network, a joint venture between MSG and Pegula Sports and Entertainment, carries the Buffalo Sabres broadcasts that had been on MSG, as well as the midday *Instigators* (formerly Hockey Hotline) daily Sabres talk show and the Buffalo Bills' existing in-house radio and television products that had aired on WGR (where those broadcasts will continue to air on radio) and WKBW-TV.[209]
12	During *Dancing with the Stars*' 23rd season premiere, swimmer and contestant Ryan Lochte is attacked by two audience members after his first performance with dancing partner Cheryl Burke. Lochte and Burke are unharmed, and security rushes the attackers off-camera while host Tom Bergeron forces a commercial break. The attack comes amid a series of backlashes for Lochte, who was suspended by USA Swimming for 10 months after falsely telling authorities in Rio de Janeiro that he was robbed at gunpoint while competing at the 2016 Summer Olympics.[210]
17	*Fox College Football* begins a series of game broadcasts available in virtual reality with a game between Ohio State and Oklahoma. The broadcasts are made through a smartphone app that requires a stereoscope and TV Everywhere authentication.[211]
18	The 68th Primetime Emmy Awards air on ABC, with Jimmy Kimmel as host. The ceremony includes 5 awards, including outstanding limited series, for *The People v. O. J. Simpson:*

	American Crime Story (the night's award leader); repeat wins for *Game of Thrones* and *Veep* as outstanding drama and comedy series, respectively; and first-time wins for actors Rami Malek (lead drama actor, for *Mr. Robot*) and Tatiana Maslany (lead drama actress, for *Orphan Black*).[212][213]
22	With its 13th season premiere, *Grey's Anatomy* surpasses *NYPD Blue* as ABC's longest-running one-hour primetime dramatic series. The Shonda Rimes-produced medical drama debuted on ABC in March 2005.[214]
25	Charles Osgood hosts *CBS News Sunday Morning* for the final time, retiring from TV broadcasting after 49 years, 45 of them as a reporter and anchor with CBS News and 22 as *Sunday Morning* host. Osgood will remain with CBS as a radio commentator for *The Osgood File*.[215][216] Jane Pauley will take over for Osgood as *Sunday Morning* host on October 9, becoming only the 3rd host in the show's history after Osgood and Charles Kuralt.[217]
26	Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York hosts the first of three Presidential debates between major party candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.[218] The scheduling of this debate and one set for October 9 at Washington University in Saint Louis raised the ire of the campaign for Republican nominee Trump, which worried their scheduling opposite primetime NFL games would drive down debate viewership (Trump claimed the campaign of Democratic nominee Clinton influenced the schedule).[219] Despite the Trump camp's worries, the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates, which is responsible for debate scheduling (and set the dates one year in advance), holds firm on its schedule, and this date's debate attracts an estimated record of 84 million viewers across 13 networks, surpassing the 81 million who watched a Jimmy Carter/Ronald Reagan debate in 1980.[220]
28	*Modern Family* makes history with the episode "A Stereotypical Day," which introduced for the first time ever the youngest transgendered child to be featured on a television series. Jackson Millarker, a real life transgendered child actor (at age 8), is cast as Lily's transgender friend Tom in this breakthrough episode.[221]

October[edit]

Date	Event
2	Two broadcasting legends end their long careers: Los Angeles Dodgers announcer Vin Scully retires from broadcasting after a record 67 years with the team,[222][223] while Dick Enberg ends a seven-year run as television voice of the San Diego Padres, and a 60-year career on national TV.[224] Both Scully and Enberg were also known for national TV work

	for CBS Sports and NBC Sports.
7	*The Washington Post* releases raw footage from a 2005 *Access Hollywood* segment in which then-*Apprentice* host and future Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, in a hot mic conversation with *Access Hollywood* co-host Billy Bush, makes lewd comments about women, including Trump's implying that his celebrity allowed him parlance to make unwanted sexual advances toward women.[225] The video's release creates an immediate uproar, with several of Trump's fellow Republicans renouncing their support for him or calling him to withdraw from the campaign,[226][227][228] a move Trump vows not to do.[229] The fallout also affects others mentioned in or appearing on the tape: Both *Entertainment Tonight* co-host Nancy O'Dell (who co-hosted *Access Hollywood* with Bush at the time and whom Trump admitted to seducing) and *Days of Our Lives* actress Arianne Zucker issue statements about their vow to rise above a distrustful Trump,[230][231] while Bush would be suspended by NBC from his position as *Today's* third hour co-host on October 9,[232] a move that would lead to a formal separation on October 17.[233]
8	NBC partners with Litton Entertainment to expand *The More You Know* into a three-hour Saturday morning E/I block aimed at 13 to 16-year-olds, giving Litton editorial control of four of the five educational children's blocks for the major commercial networks. Extended early second day 2016 Ryder Cup coverage postponed the block's original full rollout on October 1, with all but two of the programs featured on the block being pre-empted on the originally scheduled launch date on most NBC affiliates.[234]
10–14	In celebration of CBS Daytime's 30th year of dominance in the ratings (one of the longest winning streaks in television history), CBS celebrates the milestone by making special appearances by the cast of the network's programs (*Let's Make a Deal*, *The Price Is Right*, *The Young and the Restless*, *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *The Talk*) on each other's shows. In addition, the network announces that it will also unveil a special exhibit, titled "CBS Daytime #1 For 30 Years" (running from October 12 to November 27) at the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, California, honoring its five current shows, as well as legacy programs (including former soap operas *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light*), and a planned four-week consecutive special panels, featuring the stars and producers from the network's daytime lineup.[235]
13	With the 12th-season premiere episode "Keep Calm and Carry On", *Supernatural* becomes the first series to reach a record 11 seasons on The CW. The show is the last remaining CW series that carried over from predecessor networks UPN or The WB (it debuted on the latter network in September 2005).[236]
	After a twelve-year run, Nancy Grace ends her self-titled program on HLN to pursue newer

	media ventures.[237]
16	Fox's *The Simpsons* reaches the 600-episode plateau with its 27th *Treehouse of Horror* episode, a Halloween tradition that dates back to the series' 2nd season in 1990. *The Simpsons* is the longest-running scripted primetime series in U.S. television history by number of seasons (28) and second-longest by number of episodes (behind *Gunsmoke*'s 635-episode run).[238]
22	Telecom giant AT&T confirms its plan to buy Time Warner in an $85.4 billion merger that, if approved by federal regulators, would bring the HBO and Cinemax suites, the Turner Broadcasting networks, and the Warner Bros. studio under the same umbrella as AT&T's telecommunication holdings, which already includes DirecTV, the Root Sports networks, cable channel Audience, and shares of Game Show Network and MLB Network.[239]
24	Univision O&O KDTV-DT moves its studios from 50 Fremont Center in San Francisco's Financial District to a new state-of-the-art building in San Jose, becoming the third television station in the Bay Area market to be based from that city after NBC O&O KNTV and their sister station, Telemundo's KSTS. The station also switches its newscasts in high definition, beginning with the relaunch of its morning newscast "Al Despertar" as *Despierta Área de la Bahía*.[240]
25	Coinciding with the start of the 2016–17 NBA regular season, NBA Team Pass, a spin-off of the NBA League Pass out-of-market sports package, launches. The service, which will initially be available to Dish Network subscribers for a monthly fee, is an unbundled version of its parent package – which carries games from all 30 NBA teams across multiple channels – that allows subscribers to watch games from individual league teams of their choice throughout the regular season. The launch follows the NBA's July announcement that it would begin selling NBA League Pass in a refined a la carte offering, and introduce a pay-per-view-style structure allowing subscribers to pay to watch a single game for a one-time fee of $6.99.[241]
26	Artistic Media Partners announces the sale of all four of its Lafayette radio stations (WBPE, WYCM, WAZY-FM and WSHY) to Lafayette TV, LLC. On the same day, the latter company (owned by business investors Bill Christian and Mike Reed) launch their new television station, WPBI-LD, which carries programming from Fox and NBC via digital multicasting. Prior to the launch, WXIN and WTHR/Indianapolis served as the default Fox and NBC affiliates for the Lafayette area, respectively. The launch of WPBI leaves ABC, The CW, and MyNetworkTV as the only three networks available in the Lafayette area through their stations in Indianapolis (Their respective affiliates for that market, WRTV, WISH-TV, and WNDY-TV, are receivable over-the-air and are also carried on Comcast, Dish Network,

	and DirecTV in the Lafayette market).[242]
31	Participant Media shuts down Pivot, citing lack of viewership by millennials, its targeted demographic.[243]

November[edit]

Date	Event
1	Beauty iQ, a spin-off home shopping network of QVC, launches. The network, which will initially be available in 40 million U.S. homes, is dedicated to cosmetics, fragrances and skincare products, offering live programming each Wednesday through Sunday in prime time and recorded segments for the remainder of its schedule.[244][245]
2	The Department of Justice files an antitrust lawsuit against DirecTV, alleging that it engaged in unlawful information-sharing with rival pay television providers regarding their resistance to carrying Spectrum SportsNet LA, a network operated as a joint venture between Time Warner Cable (now a Charter subsidiary) and the Los Angeles Dodgers.[246]
	The 50th edition of the Country Music Association Awards airs on ABC, with Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood returning as hosts.[247] The event also saw country music artists Dolly Parton, Kenny Chesney and Garth Brooks being awarded as Lifetime Achievement Award, Pinnacle Award and Entertainer of the Year Award recipients, respectively, and a surprise duet between The Dixie Chicks and Beyoncé on the latter's "Daddy Lessons," which was met with critical praise from the audience and social media as the show's most highlighted performance.[248][249]
	The Chicago Cubs break their 108-year championship drought with a 10-inning victory over the Cleveland Indians in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series. Fox's broadcast of the game attracts 40.045 million viewers, the largest national audience for a Major League Baseball game since Game 7 of the 1991 World Series.[250]
7	CBS' *The Odd Couple* dedicates an episode to Garry Marshall with an assembly of actors from Marshall-produced series *Happy Days* (Ron Howard, Marion Ross, Anson Williams and Don Most), *Mork & Mindy* (Pam Dawber), and *Laverne & Shirley* (Cindy Williams and Marshall's sister Penny). Garry Marshall produced the 1970-75 version of *The Odd Couple* and served as a consultant on the current version, where he once made a guest

	appearance as Oscar Madison's (Matthew Perry) father.[251]
	With its titular character (played by Gina Rodriguez) no longer a virgin, The CW comedy-drama/telenovela spoof *Jane the Virgin* sees the series' title modified, with "The Virgin" crossed out in favor of substitutes.[252]
8	Northern Lights Media, a subsidiary of Gray Television, announces that it will purchase the Fairbanks, Alaska triopoly of NBC affiliate KTVF, Fox affiliate KFXF-LD and CBS affiliate KXDD-CD (subsequently renamed KXDF-CD) from a joint venture of Chena Broadcasting and Tanana Valley Television Company for $8 million. Pending FCC and Justice Department approval, the transaction will expand Gray's presence in Alaska, as it already owns Anchorage NBC affiliate KTUU-TV (which it acquired through Gray's 2015 merger acquisition of Schurz Communications' television group) and MyNetworkTV affiliate KYES-TV (which it acquired through a separate deal with Fireweed Communications that was made while the Schurz transaction was ongoing).[253][254][255]
11	Donald Trump's former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski ends his controversial tenure as a political commentator at CNN.[256]
12	Dave Chappelle hosts *Saturday Night Live*, his first comedic TV appearance since abruptly leaving his sketch comedy show in 2005. The profane language that Chappelle used in a stand-up routine (centering partly on Donald Trump's election as President) in the episode's monologue and a violent and gory *Walking Dead* spoof sketch led NBC affiliate WRAL-TV/Raleigh to censor portions of the broadcast, resulting in viewer complaints across social media outlets who questioned whether the station was intentionally censoring the show or was experiencing technical problems with the NBC network feed. In an apology statement noting that it would review such procedures, WRAL vice president/general manager Steven D. Hammel confirmed that the station ducked profanities that did not comply with the station's longstanding internal obscenity policies (Chappelle used two of ten profanities barred under the policy a total of nine times).[257][258][259]
15	After 30 years of serving the Memphis market as a reporter and lead anchor, CBS affiliate WREG-TV's Claudia Barr announced that she is retiring from broadcasting at the end of the month. Barr, who began her career at WHBQ-TV, has been with WREG as its anchorwoman since 2006.[260]
20	Justin Bieber and Drake are among the notable winners at the 2016 American Music Awards.[261] The ceremony, which was hosted by Gigi Hadid and Jay Pharoah and broadcast on ABC, also saw actor Robert Downey Jr. presenting the Award of Merit to rock singer Sting and

	Hadid imitating President-electDonald Trump's wife Melania's controversial speech at the 2016 Republican National Convention in July, for which she issued an apology on social networking site Twitter the next day.[262]
22	Just three months after winning gold medal with her Final Five teammates in gymnastics at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Laurie Hernandez is crowned the 23rd season winner of *Dancing with the Stars*, becoming the youngest contestant to win the show.[263]
24	The 90th edition of *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* airs on NBC, with *Today* anchors Matt Lauer, Savannah Guthrie and Al Roker as hosts, and simulcast in Spanish on its sister network Telemundo, with hosts Jessica Carrillo and Carlos Ponce (marking the latter network's first Spanish-language broadcast of the parade since 2006). The parade (with its route taken place from 77th Street and Central Park West to Macy's flagship store in Herald Square at 34th Street) featured balloons (including Felix the Cat balloon's first appearance since the 1937 parade), floats, marching bands, as well as music and Broadway performances including the cast of NBC's upcoming live musical *Hairspray Live!*, Brett Eldredge, Sarah McLachlan, Aloe Blacc, Maddie and Tae, The Muppets, Daya, Kelsea Ballerini, Fitz and the Tantrums, The Rockettes, and Tony Bennett.[264] Additionally, it also partnered with telecommunications company Verizon to air a 360-degree virtual reality live telecast of the parade, which was made available through Verizon's YouTube channel.[265]
30	MundoMax ceases operations and all affiliation contracts, resulting in dozens of employees in several departments being laid off (including administration, programming, promotions, research and sales in Los Angeles, New York and Miami).[266] Launched in 2012 as MundoFox (a joint venture between Fox International Channels and RCN Televisión), the Spanish-language broadcast television network was plagued by dismal ratings (which had not been tabulated since Nielsen Media terminated their contract with the network at the end of September) and an affiliate base that was unable to acquire cable carriage due to their mainly low-power status, disqualifying them from "must-carry" provisions. Several affiliates switch to Liberman Broadcasting-owned Estrella TV, with Azteca and other Spanish-language networks (although some would switch to English-language networks) as possibilities for new affiliations.[267]
	AT&T launches DirecTV Now, an over-the-top subscription service featuring channels owned by AMC, Discovery, Disney, Fox, NBCUniversal, Viacom, Turner and Univisión.[268] Soon after, numerous subscribers began reporting that the service experiences persistent freezing between 7:00 PM and 11:30 PM EST due to an unresolved issue (though its customer service indicated that the issue is being worked on, with no known repair date announced), leading to numerous customers filing complaints with the FCC.[269] Additionally, it has generally received

	negative reviews, with most customers also noting the lack of on-demand programming.[270][271][272]

December[edit]

Date	Event
1	WVNC-LD in Watertown, New York signs on the air, giving the Watertown market, the last market in New York without full network service, not only its first full-time NBC affiliate, but also in-market affiliates of all four major commercial networks. WVNC-LD is also SagamoreHill Broadcasting's first television holding in the Northeast. In addition, plans are underway for WVNC-LD to commence a local news operation in early 2018, which would mark the first competition for dominant CBS affiliate WWNY-TV since ABC affiliate WWTI shut down its operation in 2009.[273]
5	Tegna Media's New Orleans CBS affiliate WWL-TV begins carrying *CBS This Morning* for the first time since the late 1980s, making it the last CBS station in the United States to clear the program. The 7:00-9:00 a.m. block of the station's local morning news program, *Eyewitness Morning News*, moves to its MyNetworkTV-affiliated sister station WUPL, which had been carrying *CBS This Morning* (and its predecessor *The Early Show*) since 2005.[274]
8	Citing the commute between the East and West coasts, and juggling her other television obligations (including her commitments on the Netflix sitcom *Fuller House*, which is filmed in Los Angeles) being difficult to her and her family, Candace Cameron Bure announces that she will leave *The View* after two seasons. Bure joins Raven-Symoné, who announced in October that she would be exiting the ABC daytime talk show at the end of 2016 to focus on a *That's So Raven* spin-off series. Her last day on the show was aired the following day.[275]
13	Cindy Stowell begins a championship run on *Jeopardy!* that is noteworthy in that Stowell died from colon cancer eight days before her first on-air appearance. Stowell, who taped her episodes in August (when she was suffering from a blood infection and was on painkillers), would win 6 games and over $103,000 in winnings (enough to qualify for *Jeopardy's* Tournament of Champions had she survived). Stowell would pledge her winnings to cancer research.[276][277]
15	Facebook announces that it is forming a partnership with ABC News and key fact-checking websites as part of an effort to crack down on the growing number of fake news stories. The move comes after the social media outlet proposed a new policy to restrict or flag stories that

	cannot be verified or no cited sources, in general stories that ran during the 2016 US presidential election, whose outcome major news media networks believe contributed to Donald Trump's win.[278]
19	After 23 years in both radio and television, WTMJ-TV-AM/Milwaukee host Charlie Sykes retires from broadcast media, and ends his locally based Sunday morning talk show *Sunday Insight* on WTMJ-TV. He will continue to manage his website RightWisconsin.com with WTMJ owner E.W. Scripps Company and occasionally contribute analysis for MSNBC.[279]
	Married couple John and Angel Whorton win a total of $1,300,010 on the premiere episode of *The Wall*. This is the second time that a contestant or a team of contestants had won $1,000,000 or more on the first episode of an American game show; the previous instance happened in 2007, when a contestant won $1,000,000 on the first episode of *Power of 10*.
22	Light TV, a family-oriented digital television network created by Roma Downey's LightWorkers Media and owned by MGM Television and Digital (which is run by Downey's husband Mark Burnett), launches. Its charter affiliates will be digital subchannels of Fox stations owned by Fox Television Stations, which will serve as a partner in the joint venture, with the network drawing its programming from the respective television and film libraries of Fox and MGM.[280][281]
24	Citing producers' monetary payments to some participants for access, A&E announces it has cancelled plans to air a documentary series profiling those seeking to break away from the Ku Klux Klan. The series, titled *Escaping the KKK* (it was originally titled *Generation KKK*) and scheduled for a January 10, 2017 premiere, had been plagued by concerns that the show would glorify the all-white organization and its reactionary beliefs.[282]
31	*Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve* celebrates its 45th anniversary, featuring performances by Mariah Carey (marking her return after being its first live headliner in 2006), DNCE, Gloria Estefan and the cast of her Broadway musical *On Your Feet!*, and Thomas Rhett from New York City's Times Square, Demi Lovato from Sint Maarten, Lionel Richie from Las Vegas, and several others from the *Billboard* Hollywood Party in Los Angeles.[283][284] In addition, it also features coverage of festivities from New Orleans with Lucy Hale as host, performances by Jason Derülo and Panic at the Disco from the Allstate Fan Fest (a concert event tying into the Sugar Bowl game), and Jackson Square's fleur-de-lis drop at midnight (Central Time), which marks the first time that the ABC annual program broadcast live coverage of New Year's festivities from a city in the Central Time Zone since the network's day-long telecast *ABC 2000 Today* in 1999.[285][286] Carey's performance was plagued by technical

	glitches, prompting negative reactions on social media.[287]
	Anderson Cooper and Kathy Griffin celebrate their tenth year as hosts of *New Year's Eve Live* on CNN.[288] The annual program (broadcast live from New York City's Times Square), which also saw Griffin wrapping Cooper in aluminium foil to celebrate their tenth anniversary together (tin/aluminium foil is the "traditional" 10th anniversary gift), as well as receiving well-wishes from numerous celebrities (including Sharon Stone, Dave Grohl, Josh Groban, Kristin Chenoweth, Ron Jeremy, Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman), and Don Lemon being drunk during his on-air segments (alongside Brooke Baldwin, who were covering festivities from New Orleans) and having one of his ears pierced on live television, delivers its viewership record (being the #1 cable program in total viewers for the hour and a half surrounding midnight, and second for the entire program duration, including the primetime segments), shared with Fox News Channel's *All American New Year*.[289][290][291] Its international simulcast on sister network CNN International was significantly cut back due to the breaking news coverage of the nightclub attack in Istanbul, Turkey before CNNI later joining the program at the 11:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) junction.

Television programs[edit]

Programs debuting in 2016[edit]

These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2016. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 1	*The Rap Game*	Lifetime	[292]
	Shock Trauma: Edge of Life	Discovery Life	[293]
January 3	*Bordertown*	Fox	[294]
	Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life		
	Glada Entertains	Food Network	[293]
January 4	*Diesel Brothers*	Discovery Channel	[295]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Bachelor Live	ABC	[293]
January 5	*Pitch Slapped*	Lifetime	[296]
	10 Things	truTV	[297]
	The Shannara Chronicles	MTV	[298]
	Killing Fields	Discovery Channel	[299]
	Zoe Ever After	BET	[293]
January 6	*Skin Tight*	TLC	[300]
	Criminals at Work	BET	[301]
January 7	*Angel from Hell*	CBS	[302]
	My Diet Is Better Than Yours	ABC	[303]
	Shades of Blue	NBC	[304]
January 8	*Ex Isle*	WE tv	[293]
January 10	*Live to Tell*	History	[305]
January 11	*Lego Nexo Knights*	Cartoon Network	[306]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 12	*Shadowhunters*	Freeform	[307]
January 13	*Second Chance*	Fox	[294]
	Teachers	TV Land	[293]
January 14	*Colony*	USA Network	[308]
	Idiotsitter	Comedy Central	[309]
	Greatest Party Story Ever	MTV	[310]
January 17	*Angie Tribeca*	TBS	[311]
	Billions	Showtime	[312]
	Mercy Street	PBS	[313]
	The Real Housewives of Potomac	Bravo	[314]
January 18	*Mako Mermaids*	Disney Channel	[315]
	The HALO Effect	Nickelodeon	[316]
January 19	*Planet Primetime*	Travel Channel	[316]
	Fit to Fat to Fit	A&E	[317]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 20	*Kocktails with Khloé*	FYI	[318]
January 21	*Baskets*	FX	[319]
	Dark Net	Showtime	[320]
	Legends of Tomorrow	The CW	[321]
	Recipe for Deception	Bravo	[322]
January 23	*NBA Saturday Primetime on ABC*	ABC	[323]
January 25	*Lucifer*	Fox	[294]
	Recovery Road	Freeform	[324]
	Stevie J & Joseline: Go Hollywood	VH1	[325]
January 26	*Outsiders*	WGN America	[326]
January 28	*You, Me and the Apocalypse*	NBC	[327]
	Jo Frost: Nanny On Tour	Up TV	[328]
June 1	*Cleverman*	SundanceTV	[329]
February 1	*Paradise Run*	Nickelodeon	[330]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
February 2	*American Crime Story*	FX	[319]
	Rattled	TLC	[331]
February 5	*Animals.*	HBO	[332]
	Bunnicula	Cartoon Network	[333]
February 8	*Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*	TBS	[334]
February 9	*Not Safe with Nikki Glaser*	Comedy Central	[309][335]
February 11	*Those Who Can't*	truTV	[297]
February 14	*Vinyl*	HBO	[336]
	Stuck in the Middle	Disney Channel	
February 15	*Ready Jet Go!*	PBS	[337]
February 16	*11.22.63*	Hulu	[338]
February 17	*Fat Chance*	TLC	[339]
February 19	*Love*	Netflix	[340]
February 26	*Fuller House*		[341]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
February 29	*truInside*	truTV	[342]
March 1	*Tour Group*	Bravo	[343]
March 2	*Hap and Leonard*	SundanceTV	[344]
	Lab Rats: Elite Force	Disney XD	[345]
	The Real O'Neals	ABC	[303]
March 3	*The Family*		
	Late Night Snack	truTV	[342]
March 4	*Slasher*	Chiller	[346]
March 7	*Little People*	Sprout	[347]
	Damien	A&E	[348]
March 8	*Of Kings and Prophets*	ABC	[303]
	Little Big Shots	NBC	[349]
	Separation Anxiety	TBS	[350]
March 9	*Underground*	WGN America	[351]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	The Internet Ruined My Life	Syfy	[352]
March 11	*Flaked*	Netflix	[353]
	Netflix Presents: The Characters		[354]
March 12	*Party Over Here*	Fox	[355]
	School of Rock	Nickelodeon	[356][357]
March 13	*Life or Debt*	Spike	[358]
March 15	*Crowded*	NBC	[359]
March 16	*Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders*	CBS	[360]
March 22	*Heartbeat*	NBC	[359]
March 24	*The Catch*	ABC	[303]
March 25	*Backstage*	Disney Channel	[361]
March 29	*Like a Boss*	Oxygen	[362]
March 30	*Lopez*	TV Land	[363]
	The Path	Hulu	[364]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Quit Your Day Job	Oxygen	[365]
March 31	*Rush Hour*	CBS	[360]
April 1	*The Ranch*	Netflix	[366]
	Wynonna Earp	Syfy	[367]
April 4	*The Powerpuff Girls 2016*	Cartoon Network	[368]
April 5	*America's Greatest Makers*	TBS	[369]
	Chasing Destiny	BET	[370]
April 6	*Walk the Prank*	Disney XD	[371]
April 10	*Dice*	Showtime	[372]
	The Girlfriend Experience	Starz	[373]
April 11	*The Detour*	TBS	[374]
	Hunters	Syfy	[375]
April 12	*Game of Silence*	NBC	[359]
April 13	*Strong*		[376]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
April 14	*American Grit*	Fox	[377]
	The Dude Perfect Show	CMT	[378]
April 16	*Dramaworld*	Viki	[379]
April 19	*Containment*	The CW	[380]
April 20	*There Goes The Motherhood*	Bravo	[381]
	Get Blake!	Nicktoons	[382]
April 21	*Comedy Knockout*	truTV	[342]
May 2	*Houdini & Doyle*	Fox	[383]
	The Loud House	Nickelodeon	[384]
May 8	*Food Network Star: Comeback Kitchen*	Food Network	[385]
May 9	*Peanuts*	Cartoon Network/Boomerang	[386]
May 11	*Chelsea*	Netflix	[387]
May 17	*Coupled*	Fox	[388]
May 20	*Lady Dynamite*	Netflix	[389]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
May 22	*Preacher*	AMC	[390]
May 23	*Mygrations*	National Geographic Channel	[391]
May 27	*Counterfeit Cat*	Disney XD	[392]
May 30	*Atomic Puppet*		[393]
May 31	*Maya & Marty*	NBC	[394]
June 1	*Cleverman*	SundanceTV	[329]
June 3	*Outcast*	Cinemax	[395]
	All In with Cam Newton	Nickelodeon	[396]
June 5	*Feed the Beast*	AMC	[397]
June 12	*Still the King*	CMT	[378]
June 13	*BrainDead*	CBS	[398]
	Guilt	Freeform	[399]
	Spartan: Ultimate Team Challenge	NBC	[400]
June 14	*Animal Kingdom*	TNT	[401]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Uncle Buck	ABC	[402]
	Wrecked	TBS	[403]
June 22	*American Gothic*	CBS	[404]
	Any Given Wednesday with Bill Simmons	HBO	[405]
June 23	*Queen of the South*	USA Network	[406]
June 24	*Bizaardvark*	Disney Channel	[407]
June 26	*Roadies*	Showtime	[408]
June 28	*Dead of Summer*	Freeform	[399]
July 5	*Crashletes*	Nickelodeon	[409]
	Greatest Ever	truTV	[410]
	Fangbone!	Disney XD	[411]
July 9	*Legendary Dudas*	Nickelodeon	[412]
July 15	*Stranger Things*	Netflix	[413]
July 17	*Vice Principals*	HBO	[414]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
July 22	*Elena of Avalor*	Disney Channel	[415]
July 24	*Ozzy & Jack's World Detour*	History	[416]
August 1	*Future-Worm!*	Disney XD	[417]
August 12	*The Get Down*	Netflix	[418]
August 13	*Regal Academy*	Nickelodeon	[419]
August 14	*Chesapeake Shores*	Hallmark Channel	[420]
August 23	*Better Late Than Never*	NBC	[421]
August 24	*Cleveland Hustles*	CNBC	[422]
September 6	*The 11th Hour*	MSNBC	[423]
	Atlanta	FX	[424]
September 8	*Better Things*		
September 9	*One Mississippi*	Amazon Video	[425]
	Quarry	Cinemax	[426]
	Jagger Eaton's Mega Life	Nickelodeon	[384]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
September 11	*Rob & Chyna*	E!	[427]
	Son of Zorn	Fox	[428]
September 12	*Harry*	Syndication	[429]
	T.D. Jakes		[430]
	The Robert Irvine Show	The CW	[135]
	The ZhuZhus	Disney Channel	[431]
September 14	*Legends of Chamberlain Heights*	Comedy Central	[432]
September 16	*Fleabag*	Amazon Video	[425]
	High Maintenance	HBO	[433]
September 19	*The Good Place*	NBC	[434]
	Kevin Can Wait	CBS	[435]
	Right Now Kapow	Disney XD	[436]
September 20	*Bull*	CBS	[437]
	This Is Us	NBC	[434]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
September 21	*Designated Survivor*	ABC	[438]
	Falling Water	USA Network	[439]
	Lethal Weapon	Fox	[440]
	Speechless	ABC	[438]
September 22	*Notorious*		
	Pitch	Fox	[440]
September 23	*The Exorcist*		
	MacGyver	CBS	[435]
	Van Helsing	Syfy	[441]
September 27	*Channel Zero*		[442][443]
September 29	*Mighty Magiswords*	Cartoon Network	[444]
September 30	*Crisis in Six Scenes*	Amazon Video	[425]
	Luke Cage	Netflix	[445]
October 2	*Westworld*	HBO	[446]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
October 3	*Conviction*	ABC	[438]
	Timeless	NBC	[434]
	Milo Murphy's Law	Disney XD	[447]
	Kuu Kuu Harajuku	Nickelodeon	[448]
October 4	*No Tomorrow*	The CW	[449]
October 5	*Frequency*		
	Total Bellas	E!	[450]
October 9	*Divorce*	HBO	[446]
	Insecure		
October 10	*Vice News Tonight*		[451]
October 11	*American Housewife*	ABC	[438]
October 14	*Goliath*	Amazon Video	[452]
October 16	*Berlin Station*	Epix	[453]
	Eyewitness	USA Network	[454]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Graves	Epix	[453]
October 19	*Chance*	Hulu	[455]
October 24	*Man with a Plan*	CBS	[435]
October 26	*Jon Glaser Loves Gear*	TruTV	[456]
October 27	*The Great Indoors*	CBS	[435]
	Pure Genius		
October 28	*Good Girls Revolt*	Amazon Video	[457]
	Tracey Ullman's Show	HBO	[458]
November 4	*The Crown*	Netflix	[459]
November 7	*Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party*	VH1	[460]
	P. King Duckling	Disney Junior	[461]
November 11	*Mech-X4*	Disney Channel	[462]
November 15	*Good Behavior*	TNT	[401]
	Shooter	USA Network	[463]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
November 18	*The Grand Tour*	Amazon Video	[464]
November 21	*Search Party*	TBS	[465]
November 23	*Splash and Bubbles*	PBS	[466]
November 30	*Incorporated*	Syfy	[467]
December 4	*Mariah's World*	E!	[468]
December 7	*Shut Eye*	Hulu	[455]
December 9	*Captive*	Netflix	[469]
	White Rabbit Project		[470]
December 14	*Star*	Fox	[471]
December 16	*Justice League Action*	Cartoon Network	[472]
	The OA	Netflix	[473]
December 19	*The Wall*	NBC	[474]
	Beyblade Burst	Disney XD	[475]

Miniseries debuting in 2016[edit]

First aired	Title	Channel	Source

January 18	*War & Peace*	A&E, History, and Lifetime	[476]
January 24	*The X-Files*	Fox	[477]
February 3	*Madoff*	ABC	[478]
February 20	*Serial Thriller: The Headhunter*	Investigation Discovery	[479]
March 6	Race for the White House	CNN	[480]
April 19	*The Night Manager*	AMC	[481]
May 30	*Roots*	A&E, History, and Lifetime	[482]
June 11	*The American West*	AMC	[483]
July 10	*The Night Of*	HBO	[414]
September 5	*Harley and the Davidsons*	Discovery Channel	[484]
September 18	*The Case of: JonBenét Ramsey*	CBS	[435]

Television films and specials[edit]

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
January 4	*The Breaks*	VH1	[485]

January 9	*My Sweet Audrina*	Lifetime	[486]
January 23	*Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart*		[486]
January 30	*Lila & Eve*		[486]
January 31	*Grease: Live*	Fox	[487]
February 26	*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Sword of Destiny*	Netflix	[488]
March 18	*Pee-wee's Big Holiday*		[489]
March 20	*Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade*	Fox	[490]
	The Passion		
April 16	*Confirmation*	HBO	[491]
April 29	*Special Correspondents*	Netflix	[492]
May 17	*Megyn Kelly Presents*	Fox	[493]
May 21	*All the Way*	HBO	[494]
May 30	*The Dresser*	Starz	[495]
June 2	*Quincy Jones: Burning the Light*	HBO	[496]
June 24	*Adventures in Babysitting*	Disney Channel	[497]

	The Fundamentals of Caring	Netflix	[498]
July 31	*Sharknado: The 4th Awakens*	Syfy	[499]
August 5	*The Little Prince*	Netflix	[500]
September 1	*Holy Hell*	CNN	[501]
September 17	*The Beatles: Eight Days a Week*	Hulu	[455]
October 7	*The Swap*	Disney Channel	
	The Siege of Jadotville	Netflix	[502]
October 20	*The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again*	Fox	[503]
November 26	*Legends of the Hidden Temple*	Nickelodeon	[504]
December 2	*Mr. Neighbor's House*	Adult Swim	[505]
December 7	*Hairspray Live!*	NBC	[506]
December 9	*Albert*	Nickelodeon	[507]

Programs changing networks[edit]

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Miss USA and Miss	NBC (Miss Universe)	Fox	[508]

Universe pageants	Reelz (2015, Miss USA)		
Impact Wrestling	Destination America	Pop	[509][510]
Sesame Street	PBS	HBO / PBS	[511]
WWE SmackDown	Syfy	USA Network	[308]
Hoarders	Lifetime	A&E	[512]
SportsNation	ESPN2	ESPN	[513]
America's Next Top Model	The CW	VH1	[514]
Motive	ABC	USA Network	[515]
Sports Jeopardy!	Crackle	Crackle / NBCSN	[516]
Supergirl	CBS	The CW	[517]
Nashville	ABC	CMT	[518][519]
The Last Alaskans	Animal Planet	Discovery Channel	[520]
High Maintenance	Vimeo	HBO	[521]
Primetime Justice with Ashleigh Banfield	CNN (as *Legal View*)	HLN (as *Primetime Justice*)	[522]
Pokémon	Cartoon Network	Disney XD	[523]

Breadwinners	Nickelodeon	Nicktoons	
Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness			
Pig Goat Banana Cricket			

Programs returning in 2016[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Source
The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret	2012	IFC	*same*	January 7	[524]
The X-Files	2002	Fox		January 24	[525]
Disappeared	2013	Investigation Discovery		April 11	[526]
To Tell the Truth	2001	Syndication	ABC	June 14	[402]
The $100,000 Pyramid	2012	Game Show Network		June 26	[527]
Match Game	1999	Syndication			[528]
Mad TV	2009	Fox	The CW	July 26	[529]

Black Mirror	2014	Channel 4 (UK)	Netflix	October 21	[469]
Gilmore Girls	2007	The CW		November 25	

Milestone episodes in 2016[edit]

Show	Network	Episode #	Episode title	Episode air date	Source
2 Broke Girls	CBS	100th	"And the Not Regular Down There"	January 13	[530]
Last Man Standing	ABC		"The Ring"	January 29	[531]
New Girl	Fox		"Reagan"	February 9	[532]
The Big Bang Theory	CBS	200th	"The Celebration Experimentation"	February 25	[533]
Once Upon a Time	ABC	100th	"Souls of the Departed"	March 6	[534]
RuPaul's Drag Race	Logo		"Keeping It 100!"	March 7	[535]
Grimm	NBC		"Into the Schwarzwald"	March 11	[536]
NCIS	CBS	300th	"Scope"	March 15	[537]
American Dad!	TBS	200th	"The Two Hundred"	March 28	[538]
Bob's Burgers	Fox	100th	"Stand by Gene"	May 22	[539]

Person of Interest	CBS		"The Day the World Went Away"	May 31	[540]
Royal Pains	USA		"Doubt of Africa"	June 8	[541]
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	NBC	500th	"Michael Strahan/Parker Posey/Margo Price"	July 14	[542]
Rizzoli & Isles	TNT	100th	"2M7258-100"	July 25	[543]
Real Time with Bill Maher	HBO	400th	"Amy Holmes/Michael Moynihan/Salman Rushdie"	July 28	[544]
Steven Universe	Cartoon Network	100th	"Beta"	August 5	[545]
Pretty Little Liars	Freeform	150th	"The DArkest Knight"	August 30	[399]
The Simpsons	Fox	600th	"Treehouse of Horror XXVII"	October 16	[238]
Elementary	CBS	100th	"Henny Penny the Sky is Falling"	October 30	[546]
Arrow	The CW		"Invasion!"	November 30	[547]
Chicago Fire	NBC		"One Hundred"	December 6	[548]

Programs ending in 2016[edit]

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March 13	*CSI: Cyber*	CBS	2015	Canceled	[558]
March 15	*Of Kings and Prophets*	ABC	2016		[559]
March 25	*Second Chance*	Fox			[560]
March 28	*Recovery Road*	Freeform			[561]
April 7	*American Idol*	Fox	2002		[562]
April 10	*Togetherness*	HBO	2015		[563]
April 15	*Childrens Hospital*	Adult Swim	2010	Ended	[564]
April 17	*Vinyl*	HBO	2016	Canceled	[565]
April 20	*Deadbeat*	Hulu	2014		[566]
April 26	*Limitless*	CBS	2015		[567]
April 30	*Monopoly Millionaires' Club*	Syndication			[568]
May 8	*The Good Wife*	CBS	2009	Ended	[569]
May 9	*Damien*	A&E	2016	Canceled	[570]

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May 10	*Grandfathered*	Fox	2015		[571]
	The Grinder				[572]
May 15	*The Family*	ABC	2016		[552]
May 16	*Castle*		2009		[552]
	Mike & Molly	CBS	2010	Ended	[573]
May 17	*Faking It*	MTV	2014	Canceled	[574]
May 20	*Banshee*	Cinemax	2013	Ended	[575]
	The Meredith Vieira Show	Syndication	2014	Canceled	[576]
May 22	*Bordertown*	Fox	2016		[571]
	Crowded	NBC			[551]
May 25	*Heartbeat*				[551]
June 4	*Littlest Pet Shop*	Discovery Family	2012	Ended	[577]
June 5	*Game of Silence*	NBC	2016	Canceled	[551]
June 12	*House of Lies*	Showtime	2012	Ended	[578]

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June 17	*FABLife*	Syndication	2015	Canceled	[579]
June 19	*Penny Dreadful*	Showtime	2014	Ended	[580]
June 21	*Person of Interest*	CBS	2011		[581]
June 22	*The Soul Man*	TV Land	2012		[582]
June 26	*Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life*	Fox	2016	Canceled	[571]
June 27	*Wander Over Yonder*	Disney XD	2013		[583]
June 29	*Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness*	Nicktoons	2011	Ended	
July 4	*Houdini & Doyle*	Fox	2016	Cancelld	[584]
July 5	*Uncle Buck*	ABC			[585]
July 6	*Royal Pains*	USA	2009	Ended	[586]
July 11	*Hunters*	Syfy	2016	Canceled	[587]
July 23	*Angel from Hell*	CBS			[588]

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	Hell on Wheels	AMC	2011	Ended	[589]
July 29	*Sanjay and Craig*	Nickelodeon	2013		[590]
August 2	*Coupled*	Fox	2016	Canceled	[591]
	Feed the Beast	AMC			[592]
August 6	*Devious Maids*	Lifetime	2013		[593]
August 9	*Not Safe with Nikki Glaser*	Comedy Central	2016		[594]
August 18	*The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*		2015		[595]
August 20	*Rush Hour*	CBS	2016		[596]
August 21	*The Jim Gaffigan Show*	TV Land	2015		[597]
	The McLaughlin Group	Syndication	1982	Ended	[598]
August 22	*Guilt*	Freeform	2016	Canceled	[599]
August 28	*Roadies*	Showtime			[600]
August 30	*Dead of Summer*	Freeform			[601]
September 1	*Sex&Drugs&Rock&Roll*	FX	2015		[602]

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September 4	*Murder in the First*	TNT	2014		[603]
September 5	*Rizzoli & Isles*		2010	Ended	[543]
September 6	*Mistresses*	ABC	2013	Canceled	[604]
September 7	*American Gothic*	CBS	2016		[605]
	Tyrant	FX	2014		[606]
September 9	*Crazy Talk*	Syndication	2015		[607]
The Bill Cunningham Show	The CW	2011	Ended	[133]	
September 10	*Aquarius*	NBC	2015	Canceled	[608]
September 11	*BrainDead*	CBS	2016	[605]	
September 12	*Breadwinners*	Nicktoons	2014	Ended	
September 15	*Beauty & the Beast*	The CW	2012	[609]	
September 18	*Brad Neely's Harg Nallin' Sclopio Peepio*	Adult Swim	2016	Cancelled	[610]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source
October 1	*Mixels*	Cartoon Network	2014	Ended	[611]
October 13	*Nancy Grace*	HLN	2005		[237]
October 22	*Lab Rats: Elite Force*	Disney XD	2016	Cancelled	[612]
	Transformers: Rescue Bots	Discovery Family	2012		
October 28	*Good Girls Revolt*	Amazon Video	2016		[613]
November 5	*The 7D*	Disney XD	2014		[614]
November 6	*Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*	Disney Junior	2006	Ended	[615]
November 9	*Any Given Wednesday with Bill Simmons*	HBO	2016	Canceled	[616]
November 13	*Masters of Sex*	Showtime	2013		[617]
December 2	*Comedy Bang! Bang!*	IFC	2012	Ended	[618]
December 7	*Impastor*	TV Land	2015	Canceled	[619]
December 11	*Blunt Talk*	Starz			[620]
December 14	*Rectify*	SundanceTV	2013	Ended	[621]

Programs entering syndication in 2016[edit]

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (3 or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	3	yes	[622]
Last Man Standing	6		[623]
Major Crimes	5		[622]
Nashville	5		[624]
Pawn Stars	12		[625]

Television stations[edit]

Station launches[edit]

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Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Source
January 1	Nashville, TN	WZTV-DT3	17.3	Antenna TV	[626]
	Anderson, SC	WMYA-TV	40.4	Grit	[627]

January 27	Bowling Green, KY	WCZU-LD3	39.3	Bounce TV	
May 5	Sidney, NE	KNEP-DT2	4.2	NBC	[628][629][630]
	Scottsbluff, NE	KSTF-DT2	10.2	NBC	
June 1	Merrimack, NH/Boston	WNEU-DT3	60.3	Cozi TV	[631]
June 22	Lexington, KY	WLEX-DT3	18.3	Bounce TV	
July 1	Birmingham, AL	WUOA-LD	46.1 46.2 46.3	Laff Buzzr Escape	
August 1	Duluth, MN	KBJR-DT3	6.3	MyNetworkTV	[632]
	Peoria, IL	WEEK-DT2	25.2	ABC	[177][178]
		WEEK-DT3	25.3	The CW	
August 24	Bowling Green, KY	WCZU-LD	39.4	Sonlife Broadcasting Network	
September 1	Watertown, NY	WWTI-DT3	50.3	Laff	[633]

		WWTI-DT4	50.4	Escape	
	Evansville, IN	WTVW-DT3	7.3	Escape	[634]
		WEHT-DT2	25.2	Laff	
September 3	Utica, NY	WUTR-DT3	20.3	Grit	
		WUTR-DT4	20.4	Bounce TV	
		WFXV-DT2	33.2	Escape	
		WFXV-DT3	33.3	Laff	
September 12	Alexandria, LA	KALB-DT3	5.3	The CW	[635]
	Fargo, ND	KXJB-LD2	30.2	The CW	[*citation needed*]
	Madison, WI	WMTV-DT4	15.4	WeatherNation TV	[*citation needed*]
September 23	Bowling Green, KY	WCZU-LD	39.5 39.6	Grit Escape	
October 25	Lafayette, IN	WPBI-LD	16.1	Fox	[242]

		WPBI-LD2	16.2	NBC	
November 1	St. Joseph, MO	KNPG-LD2	21.2	The CW (via The CW Plus) (moves from KBJO-LD; see below for more information)	[197]
December 1	Watertown, NY	WVNC-LD	45.1	NBC	[273]
	Santa Barbara/Santa Maria, CA	KWSM-LP	32.2	SonLife Broadcasting Network	
	Springfield, MO	KRFT-LD	8.6	Estrella TV	
December 19	Lawrence/Boston	WMFP-DT5	60.5	Independent/Cozi TV	[636]

Stations changing network affiliation[edit]

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Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Source
January 1	Christiansted, VI	WSVI	8.1	ABC	Ion	[*citation needed*]
	Asheville, NC	WLOS	13.3	Grit	Antenna TV	[637]

February 1	Nashville, TN	WKRN-DT2	2.2	Weather	MeTV	[638]
	Johnson City, TN/Tri-Cities, TN/VA	WJHL-DT2	11.2	MeTV	ABC	[639]
	Kingsport, TN/Tri-Cities, TN/VA	WKPT-TV	19.1	ABC	MyNetworkTV	
		WAPK-CD	36.1	MyNetworkTV	MeTV	
February 29	Raleigh/Durham, NC	WRAL-TV	5.1	CBS	NBC	[44]
		WNCN	17.1	NBC	CBS	
June 1	Lawrence, MA	WMFP	62.1	Cozi TV	Sonlife Broadcasting Network	[640]
July 1	Hagerstown, MD	WHAG-TV	25.1	NBC	Independent/Heroes & Icons	[641][642]
August 1	Peoria, IL	WHOI	19.1	ABC	Comet	[177][178]
	Fort Wayne, IN	WPTA-DT2	21.2	The CW	NBC	[175][643]
		WPTA-DT3	21.3	Weather Radar	MyNetworkTV	
		WISE-	33.1	NBC	The CW	

		TV				
		WISE-DT2	33.2	MyNetworkTV	Weather Radar	
	South Bend, IN	WSBT-DT2	22.2	Independent	Fox	[176][179]
		WSJV	28.1	Fox	Heroes & Icons	
	Duluth, MN	KDLH	3.1	CBS	The CW	[632]
		KBJR-DT2	6.2	MyNetworkTV	CBS	
September 1	Chicago, IL	WGN-TV	9.1	The CW	Independent	[644][645][646]
		WPWR-TV	50.1	MyNetworkTV	The CW (MyNetworkTV remains secondary)	
	Watertown, NY	WNYF-CD2	28.2	CBS (simulcast of WWNY-TV)	MeTV	[647]
	Fort Worth-Dallas, TX	KFWD	52.1	MundoMax	SonLife Broadcasting Network	[648]
	Jackson, MS	WJTV-DT3	12.3	Antenna TV	Ion	[citation needed]
Septemb	Savannah, GA	WSAV-	3.2	MyNetworkTV/Me	The CW	[649][650][651]

		DT2		TV		
		WSAV-DT3	3.3	Weather	MyNetworkTV/Me TV	
		WGSA	35.1	The CW	Independent	
er 12	Waterloo/Iowa City, IA	KWWL-DT2	7.2	This TV	The CW	[652][653]
		KWKB	20.1	The CW	This TV	
	Alexandria, LA	KBCA	41.1	The CW	Heroes & Icons	[635]
	Madison/Janesville, WI	WMTV-DT2	15.2	WeatherNation TV	The CW	[635][654]
		WIFS	57.1	The CW	Independent	
October 1	Indianapolis, IN	WRTV-DT2	6.2	HTSN (local sports/newscast replays)	Grit	[655]
November 1	St. Joseph, MO	KBJO-LD	21.1	The CW (via The CW Plus) (moved to subchannel 21.2)	NBC (as KNPG-LD)	[197]
	White House/Nashville, TN	WKUW-LD	40.3	Escape	American Sports Network	[*citation needed*]
Decembe	Clovis/Fresno,	KGMC	43.1	MundoMax	Estrella TV	

r 1	CA					
	Fort Myers/Naples, FL	WXCW-DT2/3	46.2/3			
		WGPS-LP	22.1	Estrella TV	Cozi TV	
	Los Angeles, CA	KWHY-TV	22.1	MundoMax	Independent	
	Miami/Fort Lauderdale, FL	WGEN-TV	8.1		Azteca	
		WDGT-LD	24.1	Azteca	Justice Network	
	Philadelphia, PA	WPSJ-CD	8.1	MundoMax	SonLife Broadcasting Network	
	Phoenix/Kingman, AZ	KMOH-TV	6.1		América Tevé	
	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria, CA	KSBT-LD	32.1		Independent	
		KWSM-LP	32.1	SonLife Broadcasting Network	Estrella TV	
	Springfield, MO	KRFT-LD	8.1	MundoMax	Retro TV	

Deaths[edit]

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January 5	Elizabeth Swados	64	American writer and composer; guest roles on ABC soap operas (*Loving*, *All My Children*, *One Life to Live*, and *General Hospital*), NBC soap operas (*Days of Our Lives*, *Another World*, and *Santa Barbara*) and CBS soap operas (*The Young and the Restless*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *As the World Turns*, and *Guiding Light*)	[656]
January 6	Pat Harrington, Jr.	86	American actor, best known for his role of building superintendent Dwayne Schneider in *One Day at a Time*, also voiced the "Inspector" in the animated series *The Inspector* (other roles include *Make Room for Daddy*, *The Steve Allen Show*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, *The Superman/Aquaman Hour of Adventure*, *The New Scooby-Doo Movies*, *Love, American Style*, *Wait Till Your Father Gets Home*, *Owen Marshall: Counselor at Law*, *Captain Caveman and the Teen Angels*, *The Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote* and *Yo Yogi!*)	[657]
January 7	Richard Libertini	82	American actor (*Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*, *Soap*, *Barney Miller*, *Family Man*, *DuckTales*, *The Fanelli Boys*, *Pacific Station*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Jenny* and *Law & Order*)	[658]
January 10	David Bowie	69	Ground-breaking British singer, songwriter, musician, and actor (TV credits include appearing on *Soul Train*, the second non-R&B artist to do so after Elton John; a voice over role in *SpongeBob SquarePants* and guest starring in *Dream On*; and promos for the "I Want My MTV" campaign)	[659][660]
	Michael Galeota	31	American actor, best known for his roles as Bailey Kipper in *Bailey Kipper's P.O.V.* and Nick Lighter in *The Jersey*	[661]

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January 11	David Margulies	78	American actor (*Kojak*, *Tales from the Darkside*, *The Equalizer*, *Spenser: For Hire*, *Northern Exposure*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Law & Order*, *The Sopranos*)	[662]
January 13	Jim Simpson	88	Sportscaster (most notable work with NBC Sports and ESPN as well as WRC-TV/Washington, D.C. and WMAR-TV/Baltimore)	[663]
January 14	Alan Rickman	69	British actor (American TV work includes guest spots on *Fallen Angels* and *King of the Hill*)	[664]
January 15	Dan Haggerty	74	American actor, best known for his role as James Capen "Grizzly" Adams in *The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams* film and television series	[665]
	Noreen Corcoran	72	American actress, dancer and singer, best known for her role as Kelly Gregg in *Bachelor Father*	[666]
January 17	Mike Sharpe	64	Canadian professional wrestler, best known for his time in the World Wrestling Federation as "Iron Mike"	[667]
January 18	Glenn Frey	67	American singer/songwriter (The Eagles) and actor (TV credits include *Miami Vice* and *South of Sunset*)	[668]
	Gary Menteer	76	American writer, director and producer (*Family Matters*, *Happy Days*, *Laverne & Shirley* and *Punky Brewster*)	[669]
January 23	J. Stewart Bryan III	77	American media executive (Chairman of Media General)	[670]
January 24	Nick Wiltgen	39	Meteorologist with The Weather Channel's TV, radio,	[671]

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			and digital broadcasts	
	Ted Brown	36	Producer for ESPN	[672]
January 25	Mike Minor	75	Actor/singer, best known as Steve Elliot on *Petticoat Junction*, Brandon Kingsley on *All My Children*, Dr. Royal Dunning on *Another World* and supporting roles on *The Donald O'Connor Show*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *CHiPs*, *Vega$*, *L.A. Law*, *The Edge of Night*, and *As the World Turns*	[673]
January 26	Abe Vigoda	94	Actor, best known as Detective Phil Fish on *Barney Miller* and its spinoff *Fish*, and frequent cameos on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*	[674]
February 1	William E. Mayher III	77	Chairman of the Board of Gray Television since 1993	[675]
February 2	Bob Elliott	92	Comedian (half of the Bob and Ray duo), game show host (*The Name's the Same*), and actor (*Get a Life*)	[676]
February 3	Joe Alaskey	63	American comedian, actor, voice actor, and author (notable for his role as Beano Froelich on *Out of This World*; the voice of Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck and numerous Warner Bros. Animation characters, including his Daytime Emmy Award for *Duck Dodgers*; an additional voice in *Back to the Future*; the voice of Grandpa Lou Pickles in both *Rugrats* and *All Grown Up!*; host of *Couch Potatoes*)	[677]
	Jack Eaton	86	Sportscaster/director at WMC-TV/Memphis from 1956 to 1991, the voice of University of Memphis' football and basketball broadcasts from 1959 to 1987, and wrestling announcer/host	[678]

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February 4	Kristine Miller	90	American Emmy-award-winning television/film actress (*Stories of the Century*) and television station owner (co-founder of Monterey/Salinas/Santa Cruz, California CBS affiliate KION-TV in 1968 and Entravision-owned Univision affiliate KSMS-TV in 1986)	[679]
	Dave Mirra	41	Champion BMX cyclist and host of MTV's *Real World/Road Rules Challenge* (2004-2005)	[680]
	Brian Knighton	44	Wrestler better known by the ring name Axl Rotten, best known for his time in Extreme Championship Wrestling	[681]
	Jim Pederson	68	Actor, best known throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest as the fictional face and personality of Rocky Rococo Pizza in its television commercials.	[682]
February 5	Ray Colcord	66	American composer (*Double Trouble*, *The Charmings*, *Trial and Error*, *The Facts of Life*, *My Two Dads*, *Singer & Sons*, *Scorch*, *The Torkelsons*, *Where I Live*, *Dinosaurs*, *Maybe This Time*, *Hiller and Diller*, *You Wish*, *Promised Land*, *Boy Meets World*, *Family Affair*, *Lost at Home* and *Girl Meets World*)	[683]
February 6	Sam Spence	88	American composer (in-house composer for NFL Films and NFL Network telecasts, work also heard on *KaBlam!*, *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *SpongeBob SquarePants*)	[684]
February 7	Dave Anderson	55	Comedian and television personality at KATU-TV/Portland, Oregon	[685]
February 8	Norman	93	British writer (*Green Acres*, *Garrison's Gorillas*, *The*	[686]

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	Hudis		*Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *It Takes a Thief*, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, *Switch*, *Paw Paws*); special guest appearance in *I Dream of Jeannie*, *Bewitched*, and *Murder, She Wrote*	
February 15	Denise "Vanity" Matthews	57	Canadian-American actress/singer and evangelist (credits include *Miami Vice*, *Friday the 13th: The Series*, and *Highlander: The Series*)	[687]
	George Gaynes	98	Actor (several TV series, most notably *Punky Brewster* and *Hearts Afire*)	[688]
February 16	Lex McAllister	31	Reality television participant who appeared in season 14 of *The Bachelor*	[689]
February 18	Paul Gordon	52	American musician and composer, was a member of The B-52's; composed the music for *Power Rangers Turbo*, *Power Rangers in Space*, *Digimon Adventure*, *Digimon Adventure 02*, *Action Man*, *Transformers: Robots in Disguise* and *Power Rangers Wild Force*	[690]
	Angela Raiola	55	American reality television personality (*Mob Wives*)	[691]
February 19	Charlie Tuna	71	Los Angeles-based radio personality, TV host (*Cinema, Cinema, Cinema*) and announcer (*Time Machine*, *Scrabble*, *Scattergories*, *The $25,000 Pyramid*, *The Quiz Kids Challenge*, *The New Battlestars*, *Mike Douglas Show*, and *Thicke of the Night*)	[692]
February	Fred Lozano	67	Television news anchorman, reporter, and journalist, who was a fixture on San Antonio television	[693]

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24			stations KENS and WOAI-TV from 1977 to 2012	
	Eddie Einhorn	80	Founder of TVS Television Network, executive with CBS Sports, and sports promoter; credited with introducing men's college basketball on television to a nationwide audience	[694]
February 25	Sam Merrill	55	News anchor for WNEM-TV/Saginaw/Flint, MI since 1990	[695]
	Tony Burton	78	American actor (TV works included starring in *Frank's Place* and an appearance in *Gibbsville*)	[696]
February 27	Bruce Golin	58	Emmy Award winning Post-production producer (notable work includes *Knight Rider, Sliders, CSI, CSI: Miami, CSI: NY, The Last Man on Earth, Transparent, Hindsight,* and *Daredevil*)	[697]
February 28	George Kennedy	91	American actor, (*The Phil Silvers Show*, *The Asphalt Jungle*, *Have Gun - Will Travel*, *Gunsmoke*, *Dr. Kildare*, *The Virginian*, *Sarge*, *The Blue Knight*, *Backstairs at the White House*, *The Love Boat*, *Dallas* and *The Young and the Restless*)	[698]
March 1	Lee Reherman	49	Actor, best known as Hawk on *American Gladiators*; recurring guest role on *General Hospital* and *Guiding Light*	[699]
March 3	Ralph Baruch	92	Executive with CBS and the first president & chief executive of Viacom	[700]
March 4	Bud Collins	86	Boston-based sportswriter and tennis analyst for CBS, NBC, and ESPN	[701]

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	Joey Feek	40	Reality television participant who appeared in season 1 of *Can You Duet*	[702][703]
March 6	Nancy Reagan	94	Former First Lady of the United States to husband Ronald Reagan, actress, author, member of the board of directors of the Screen Actors Guild, and activist against drug and substance abuse with the "Just Say No" campaign (notable work includes *Diff'rent Strokes*, *Dynasty*, *Zane Grey Theatre*, *Wagon Train*, and *The Tall Man*)	[704]
March 12	James Sheldon	95	Director (several series, notably *Mr. Peepers*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Batman*, and *Sanford & Son*)	[705]
March 15	Sylvia Anderson	88	British television and film producer, writer and voice actress (*Thunderbirds*, *Space: 1999*)	[706]
March 16	Frank Sinatra, Jr.	72	American singer/songwriter/composer and actor (*Family Guy*, *The Sopranos* and *Son of the Beach*)	[707][708]
March 17	Larry Drake	67	Actor, best known for winning two Emmy Awards for playing Benny Stulwicz on *L.A. Law*	[709]
March 18	Joe Santos	84	Actor, best known as Dennis Becker on *The Rockford Files*. Also roles on *The Sopranos*, *Santa Barbara*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *Hardcastle and McCormick*, *a.k.a. Pablo*, and *Me and Maxx*	[710]
	John Schnabel	96	Goldminer who appeared on the reality show *Gold Rush*	[711]
March 21	Peter Brown	80	American actor (*Maverick*, *Lawman*, *Cheyenne*, *Wagon Train*, *Laredo*, *The Virginian*, *One Life to Live*, *Days of*	[712]

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			Our Lives, *The Young and the Restless* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*)	
March 22	David Smyrl	80	American actor, best known as Mr. Handford (owner of Hooper's Store) on *Sesame Street* from 1990 to 1998, also appeared on numerous episodes of *The Cosby Show*	[713]
March 23	Joe Garagiola, Sr.	90	Former baseball player and announcer for the Arizona Diamondbacks and NBC Sports. Also game show host (*He Said, She Said*, *Memory Game*, *Sale of the Century*, *To Tell the Truth*, *Strike It Rich*), guest host of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, panelist on *The Today Show* and *Match Game*, and co-host of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show	[714]
	Ken Howard	71	American actor (*Adam's Rib*, *The Manhunter*, *The White Shadow*, *It's Not Easy*, *Dynasty*, *The Colbys*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Melrose Place*, *Crossing Jordan*, *Cane*, *The Young and the Restless* and *30 Rock*)	[715]
March 24	Earl Hamner, Jr.	92	American writer and producer, best known as the creator of *The Waltons*, *Apple's Way* and *Falcon Crest* (other credits include *The Twilight Zone*, *Gentle Ben*, *Nanny and the Professor* and *Morningstar/Eveningstar*)	[716]
	Garry Shandling	66	Actor and comedian best known as the star of *The Larry Sanders Show* and *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, also a regular guest host on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*	[717]
March 26	Dick Fabian	81	News anchor at WNEM-TV/Saginaw/Flint and radio DJ at WKNX	[718]

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March 27	Eric Engberg	74	Reporter for WTOP-TV, Group W, and CBS News	[719]
	Mother Angelica	92	Catholic nun, founder of Eternal Word Television Network and WEWN, and host of EWTN's *Mother Angelica Live*	[720]
	Howard Berk	91	American novelist, producer, and television writer (*Columbo*, *Mission: Impossible*, *The Rockford Files*)	[721]
March 28	James Noble	94	Actor, best known for the role of Governor Eugene Gatling on *Benson*	[722]
March 29	Patty Duke	69	Actress best known as the star of *The Patty Duke Show*	[723]
April 3	Bill Henderson	90	American jazz singer and actor (*The Bill Cosby Show*, *Harry O*, *Ace Crawford, Private Eye*, *Dreams*)	
April 5	Barbara Turner	79	American actress, writer and producer, mother of actress Jennifer Jason Leigh	[724]
April 7	Robert Windham	73	Professional wrestler and WWE Hall of Famer better known by the ring name Blackjack Mulligan	[725]
	Philip Scheffler	85	American producer, was the senior producing for 60 Minutes from 1980-2003.	[726]
April 8	Daisy Lewellyn	36	American style expert who appeared on the reality show *Blood, Sweat and Heels*. Also editor for fashion magazines *Essence*, *InStyle*, and *Glamour*	[727]

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April 9	Arthur Anderson	93	American actor, best known for voicing Lucky the Leprechuan in Lucky Charms commercials from 1963-1992, was also the second voice of Eustace Bagge in *Courage the Cowardly Dog*	[728]
	Stacy Fawcett	45	Radio and television personality in the Dallas-Ft. Worth media market, notably as a food critic blogger and host of a cooking segment for WFAA-TV's newscasts.	[729]
April 11	Doug Banks	57	American radio and television personality (alumni of WLS-TV/Chicago as a contributor on the station's *190 North*, fill in host on *NASCAR Now*, guest starred on *My Wife and Kids*)	[730][731]
April 12	Anne Jackson	90	American actress	[732]
	Jon Rechner	44	American professional wrestler better known by the ring name Balls Mahoney, most notably with Extreme Championship Wrestling	[733]
April 17	Doris Roberts	90	Actress, best known as Marie Barone on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, a role that won her four Emmy Awards. Also won an Emmy for playing Cora on the *St. Elsewhere* season 1 episode "Cora and Arnie"	[734]
April 19	Denise Stewart-Bohn	47	Radio personality (WCXT/Benton Harbor, Michigan) and television reporter (WSBT-TV/South Bend)	[735]
	Scott Nimerfro	54	American television/film screenwriter and producer (*Once Upon a Time*, *Pushing Daisies*)	[736]

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April 20	Joanie Laurer	45	WWE wrestler better known as Chyna. Also appeared on *3rd Rock from the Sun*, *The Surreal Life*, and *Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew*	[737]
April 21	Prince	57	American musician, songwriter, producer, and actor (notable credits include *Muppets Tonight*, *New Girl* and *Saturday Night Live*)	[738]
April 25	Madeleine Sherwood	93	Canadian actress, singer, writer, producer, and Civil Rights activist (notable for playing Mother Superior Placidos in *The Flying Nun* and daytime roles in *Guiding Light*, *One Life to Live* and *As the World Turns*)	[739]
April 27	Philip Kives	87	Canadian businessman, founder of K-Tel and a pioneer of the Infomercial concept who coined the term "As seen on TV"	[740]
April 30	Peter Thomas	91	Voice over narrator/announcer, best known for *Forensic Files*, *Nova* and numerous commercials	[741]
May 6	Rickey E. Smith Jr.	36	American reality television participant and singer who competed in season 2 of *American Idol*	[742]
May 8	Mike Fleming	74	Conservative television/radio journalist and host in the Memphis media market	[743]
	William Schallert	93	American character actor, best known for playing patriarch Martin Lane on *The Patty Duke Show*	[744]
	Reg Grundy	92	Australian television producer, creator, and syndicator, known for creating American game shows (*Scrabble*), adapting American programs to international viewers (*Sale of the Century*), and bringing Australian shows	[745]

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			to the United States via his syndication company (*Prisoner:Cell Block H* and *Neighbours*)	
May 12	Julius La Rosa	86	Italian-American singer, actor, and television/radio personality (notable for being a regular on *Arthur Godfrey and His Friends*, the host of *The Julius La Rosa Show*, a recurring role on *Another World*, and a frequent contributor to the Labor Day telethon)	[746]
May 19	Morley Safer	84	Canadian-American television and radio journalist, reporter, and author, who was a mainstay at CBS News for 61 years, including 46 as co-host of *60 Minutes*	[747]
	Rosemary Gernette	81	Television personality and talk show host at WISN-TV/Milwaukee, and an alumnus of WSAU/Wausau, Wisconsin	[748][749]
	Alan Young	96	Actor, best known as Wilbur Post on *Mister Ed* and the voice of Scrooge McDuck on *DuckTales* and other appearances	[750]
May 23	Joe Fleishaker	62	Actor best known for his work with Troma Entertainment. Also appeared in numerous skits on *Late Show with David Letterman*	[751]
May 24	Buck Kartalian	93	American actor (*My Favorite Martian*, *Friends*, and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*)	[752]
May 27	Michael Dann	94	Television executive (VP/Programming for CBS, 1963-1970)	[753]
May 31	Jan Crouch	78	Co-founder of the Trinity Broadcasting Network and founder of Smile of a Child TV; co-host of TBN's	[754]

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			flagship programs *Praise the Lord* and *Behind the Scenes*	
June 3	Muhammad Ali	74	American boxer, Olympic Gold medalist, author, actor, sports commentator, and activist (notable credits include *Freedom Road*, the titular character in the 1977 NBC animated series, *I Am the Greatest: The Adventures of Muhammad Ali*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, and numerous sports programs, as well as commercial work for Coca-Cola and D-Con)	[755]
June 6	Theresa Saldana	61	Actress, best known as Rachel Scali on *The Commish*	[756]
June 10	Christina Grimmie	22	Reality television participant who appeared in season 6 of *The Voice*	[757]
June 12	Janet Waldo	96	Voice actress, best known as Judy Jetson on *The Jetsons*	[758]
June 13	Michu Meszaros	76	Hungarian-born American circus performer, stuntman, and actor, best known for performing in costume as ALF in several first-season episodes of the TV series of the same name	[759]
June 14	Ronnie Claire Edwards	83	American film and television character actress, best known as Corabeth Walton Godsey on *The Waltons*	[760]
	Ann Morgan Guilbert	87	American character actress, best known as Millie Helper on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and Grandma Yetta on *The Nanny*	[761]
June 17	Ron Lester	45	Actor, best known as Michael 'Sugar Daddy'	[762]

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			Bernardino on *Popular*	
	Mary Ann King	82	Television actress and educator, known to Los Angeles viewers as "Miss Mary Ann" on *Romper Room* during its run on KCOP-TV	[763]
June 19	Alejandro Fuentes	45	American singer who competed in *La Voz... México*	[764]
	Anton Yelchin	27	Russian actor (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Huff*, *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*)	[765]
July 3	Noel Neill	95	American actress best known for her role of Lois Lane in *Adventures of Superman* from 1953-1958	[766]
July 6	John McMartin	86	American actor (*As the World Turns*, *East Side/West Side*, *Premiere*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Phyllis*, *Falcon Crest*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *The Golden Girls*, *Lincoln*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Coach*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Oz*, *Further Tales of the City* and *Law & Order*)	[767]
July 19	Garry Marshall	81	American TV producer, writer and director (creator/executive producer of *Happy Days*, *Mork & Mindy*, *Laverne & Shirley*, *Blansky's Beauties*, *Who's Watching the Kids?*, *Joanie Loves Chachi*, *Hey, Landlord*, and *Angie*; writer on *Tonight Starring Jack Paar*, *The Danny Thomas Show*, *The Joey Bishop Show*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and *The Lucy Show*; executive producer of *The Odd Couple* and *The New Odd Couple*).	[768]
July 26	Youree Dell Harris	53	Actress best known as "Miss Cleo", the spokeswoman for the Psychic Readers Network from	[769]

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			1997-2003.	
July 27	Jerry Doyle	60	Actor (most notably Michael Garibaldi on *Babylon 5*) and radio personality	[770]
July 30	Dave Schwartz	63	On-camera meteorologist for The Weather Channel	[771]
	Gloria DeHaven	91	American film/television actress, singer, and personality (credits includes regular roles on *Ryan's Hope*, *As the World Turns*, *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*, and *Nakia*; guest starring and supporting roles in *Robert Montgomery Presents*, *Appointment with Adventure*, *The Guy Mitchell Show*, *Johnny Ringo*, *The Rifleman*, *Wagon Train*, *The Lloyd Bridges Show*, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, *Gunsmoke*, *Mannix*, *The Eddie Capra Mysteries*, *Fantasy Island*, *Hart to Hart*, *The Love Boat*, *Mama's Family*, *Highway to Heaven*, *Murder, She Wrote*, and *Touched by an Angel*; Host of *Prize Movie* at WABC-TV/New York City, and original co-host of WBAY-TV/Green Bay's annual United Cerebral Palsy telethon)	[772]
August 3	Blake Krikorian	48	Entrepreneur and co-founder of the Slingbox TV streaming media service	[773]
August 7	Sagan Lewis	63	Actress, best known as Dr. Jacqueline Wade on *St. Elsewhere*	[774]
August 9	W. Carter Merbreier	90	Children's television host of WPVI-TV's *Captain Noah and His Magical Ark*	[775]
	Barry Jenner	75	Actor, best known as Admiral William Ross on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, and recurring roles	[776]

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			on *Dallas*, *Family Matters*, *Knots Landing*, and several others	
August 10	John Saunders	61	Longtime sportscaster and host for ESPN's *The Sports Reporters*	[777]
August 13	Kenny Baker	81	English actor, best known as the voice and operator of R2-D2 in the *Star Wars* franchise. Also appeared in *The Adventure Game*, *Ben Elton: The Man from Auntie*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Man of the World*, and *Prince Caspian and the Voyage of the Dawn Treader*	[778]
August 14	Fyvush Finkel	93	Actor, best known as Douglas Wambaugh on *Picket Fences* (which won him an Emmy Award) and Harvey Lipschultz on *Boston Public*	[779]
August 16	John McLaughlin	89	Host of the long running political talk show *The McLaughlin Group* as well as *John McLaughlin's One on One*, *McLaughlin*, and *McLaughlin Special Report*	[780]
August 19	Lou Pearlman	62	American businessman, record executive, and manager (co-creator/producer of *Making the Band*, which launched the career of O-Town)	[781]
	Jack Riley	80	American actor and comedian, probably best known as Elliot Carlin in *The Bob Newhart Show* and the voice of Stu Pickles in *Rugrats* and its spin-off *All Grown Up!*. Other roles include *Occasional Wife*, *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*, *Hogan's Heroes*, *The Red Skelton Show*, *Romance Theatre*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, *Roxie*, *Night Court*, *Son of the Beach* and the voice of Country Crock spread commercials.	[782]
August 23	Steven Hill	94	Actor, best known as District Attorney Adam	[783]

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			Schiff on *Law & Order* and Dan Briggs on *Mission: Impossible*	
August 25	Marvin Kaplan	89	American character actor and comedian, best known as the voice of Choo Choo in *Top Cat* and Henry Bessaymer on *Alice*	[784]
August 27	Joy Browne	71	Psychologist who hosted two short-lived television shows, one for syndication (1999–2000) and another for Discovery Health	[785]
August 28	Harry Fujiwara	82	Hawaiian born Japanese-American wrestler and manager, known to WWE fans as Mr. Fuji and an inductee of the 2007 WWE Hall of Fame	[786]
August 29	Gene Wilder	83	American film/television actor, singer, director, writer, author, and producer (TV credits include the lead role in *Something Wilder* and an Emmy Award for guest-starring in *Will & Grace*)	[787]
September 1	Jon Polito	65	Character and voice actor with over 200 credits in film, television (*Homicide: Life on the Street*, *Crime Story*) and video games	[788]
September 5	Hugh O'Brian	91	Film and television actor. Starred in the 1955–61 western series *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp* and the 1972–73 action series *Search*.	[789]
September 8	Brenda Knox	59	Transgendered entertainer and author who performed as The Lady Chablis (appeared in *Bizarre Foods America* and *Real Housewives of Atlanta*), guest starring on *All My Children*, *One Life to Live*, and *Santa Barbara*	[790]

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	Eric Von Broadley	58	Television and radio journalist, personality, and publisher in the Milwaukee media market (alumnus of WISN-TV/Milwaukee)	[791][792]
September 10	Eddie Antar	68	Founder of the New York City-based Crazy Eddie electronics chain (famous for the commercial catchphrase "Crazy Eddie's Prices Are So Low They're Insane!")	[793]
September 11	Alexis Arquette	47	American transgender entertainer, LGBT activist, and reality television personality (*The Surreal Life*)	[794]
September 16	Tom Torbjornsen	60	American auto repairman, hosted and created *America's Car Show* for WBBZ-TV and was a contributor for WIVB-TV	[795]
September 18	C. Martin Croker	54	American animator and voice actor (roles including Zorak and Moltar on *Space Ghost Coast to Coast* and Dr. Weird on *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*)	[796]
September 21	Richard D. Trentlage	87	Advertising composer who wrote several commercial jingles, most notably "The Oscar Mayer Wiener Song".	[797]
September 24	Bill Nunn	63	Actor (TV roles include Cash Clay on *Sirens* and Terrance Phillips on *The Job*)	[798]
September 25	Arnold Palmer	87	Professional golfer and co-founder of Golf Channel	[799]
	Kashif	59	American musician/songwriter/composer, who also produced music for television commercials and specials	[800]

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September 28	Gary Glasberg	50	Producer/writer (several shows, most notably *NCIS* and *NCIS: New Orleans*)	[801]
	Agnes Nixon	93	Writer and producer (head writer of *Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*, and *Search for Tomorrow*; creator of ABC dramas *Loving*/*The City*, *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*)	[802]
October 1	Ed Hinshaw	76	Anchorman, reporter, commentator, and news director at WTMJ-TV Milwaukee, and later named VP/Human Resources for parent company Journal Communications; alumnus of WRC-TV/Washington, D.C., KSTP-TV/Minneapolis-St. Paul, and KCJB/Minot, North Dakota	[803]
October 11	Patricia Barry	93	Actress (most notably on the soap operas *Days of Our Lives*, *Guiding Light* and *All My Children*; guest starring on *Another World*, *The Young and the Restless*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *As the World Turns*, and *General Hospital*)	[804]
October 12	Thomas Mikal Ford	52	Actor, best known as Tommy Strawn on *Martin*	[805]
October 18	Anthony Addabbo	56	Actor and model, best known as Jim Lemay on *Guiding Light*	[806]
October 21	Jean Gagné	69	Professional wrestler and manager, best known as Frenchy Martin in the World Wrestling Federation	[807]
	Kevin Meaney	60	Comedian (appearances on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Tonight Show* and *Late Show*) and actor (the 1990 version of *Uncle Buck*)	[808]

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October 25	Kevin Curran	59	Writer/producer (most noted for work on *The Simpsons*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, and *Married... with Children*)	[809]
October 27	John Zacherle	98	TV host and voice actor, best known for *Shock Theater* on WCAU from 1957–58 and *Zacherley at Large* on WABC-TV from 1959–60	[810]
October 28	Ron Grant	72	Composer (*Knots Landing* and *Tiny Toon Adventures*)	[811]
October 29	Norman Brokaw	89	Talent agent, and later chairman, president and CEO of the William Morris Agency who helped create the series *My Little Margie*, *The Public Defender*, *Racket Squad* and *Mr. and Mrs. North*, and represented the producers of *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, and *The Andy Griffith Show*, as well as numerous actors including Marilyn Monroe, Bill Cosby, Elvis Presley, Warren Beatty, and Clint Eastwood.	[812]
October 30	Tammy Grimes	82	Actress and singer (star of *The Tammy Grimes Show*, guest spot on *The Play of the Week* episode *Archy and Mehitabel*)	[813]
	Don Marshall	80	American actor, director, producer and screenwriter, notable for playing Dan Erickson on *Land of The Giants*	[814]
November 2	Max Alexander	63	American stand-up comedian, actor and writer. (*Full House*, *Out of This World*, *Matlock*, *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, *Pearl*, *The Practice*, *Hang Time*, *Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction*, *My Wife and Kids* and *Paul Cruz: Latin Actor (A Mockuseries)*	[815]
November	Janet Reno	78	Lawyer who served as the first female U.S. Attorney	[816]

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7			General (TV work includes cameos on *Saturday Night Live* and *The Simpsons* and a Super Bowl XLI commercial)	
November 11	Robert Vaughn	83	American actor, best known for playing Napoleon Solo on *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*	[817]
	Claire Labine	82	American writer and producer, co-created *Ryan's Hope*, served as script writer and later co-head writer for *Where the Heart Is* and co-writer for *Love of Life*; Also served as head writer for *General Hospital* (1993-1996), *One Life to Live* (1996-1998) and *Guiding Light* (2000-2001)	[818]
November 14	Gwen Ifill	61	Journalist and anchor of PBS' *NewsHour* and *Washington Week*	[819]
November 24	Colonel Abrams	67	American Dance musician (appeared on *Soul Train*, *Video Soul* and *Showtime at the Apollo*)	[820]
	Florence Henderson	82	American television/film/stage actress/singer, voice actress, talk show host, pitch woman, cook, reality television participant, and author, best known for her iconic role as Carol Brady on *The Brady Bunch* and its related franchise spin-offs; also an alumnus of *Today* as both a "Today Girl" and co-host (including *Later Today*), commercial work for Wesson Oil, part of *The Surreal Life*, competed on season 11 of *Dancing with the Stars*, and hosted programs on TNN and Retirement Living TV.	[821]
November 25	Ron Glass	71	American television, film, and voice actor, best known for playing Detective Harris on *Barney Miller*, Felix Unger in *The New Odd Couple*, and Derrial Book in *Firefly*	[822]

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November 27	Fritz Weaver	90	American television, film, and stage actor, best known for his Emmy-nominated role in *Holocaust*	[823]
November 28	Grant Tinker	90	Television producer and executive (co-founder, with former wife Mary Tyler Moore, of MTM Enterprises; Chairman/CEO of NBC from 1981 to 1986)	[824]
	Van Williams	82	American actor (*Bourbon Street Beat*, *Surfside 6*, *The Green Hornet*)	[825]
November 29	Robert Bennett	89	Television executive (founding GM of WCVB-TV/Boston; president of Metromedia)	[826]
	Keo Woolford	49	American actor, producer and screenwriter (portrayed Det. James Chang on *Hawaii Five-0*)	[827]
December 2	Billy Chapin	74	Actor (guest spots on several shows, most notably *Dragnet*, *Lux Video Theater*, and *Waterfront*)	[828]
December 4	Margaret Whitton	67	Actress (*One Life to Live*, *The Doctors*, *Hometown*, *A Fine Romance*, *Good & Evil*)	[829]
December 6	Peter Vaughan	93	British actor, best known for playing Maester Aemon on *Game of Thrones*	[830]
December 8	John Glenn	95	American astronaut, aviator, politician, and businessman (Appeared as a game show contestant and winner on *Name That Tune* and as himself on *Frasier*)	[831][832]
	Joseph Mascolo	87	Italian-American actor and musician, best known for playing Stefano DiMera on *Days of Our Lives* from 1982 to 2000 and 2007 to 2016, and Massimo	[833]

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			Marone on *The Bold and the Beautiful* from 2001 to 2006. Other roles include Domino (Nicholas Van Buren) on *General Hospital*, Carlos Alvarez on *Santa Barbara*, supporting roles in *Where the Heart Is* and *From These Roots*, and guest starring roles on *All in the Family, The Eddie Capra Mysteries*, *Lou Grant* and *The Rockford Files*.	
December 12	Tom Moffatt	85	Television/radio personality and concert promoter who was as a fixture in the Honolulu media market as host of music shows at KHVH and KHON, and served as concert coordinator/producer for *Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii*	[834][835]
December 13	Alan Thicke	69	Actor, best known as Dr. Jason Seaver on *Growing Pains*. Also reality show star (*Unusually Thicke*), theme song composer and singer (*The Facts of Life*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, and several game shows), and talk show host (*The Alan Thicke Show* and *Thicke of the Night*)	[836]
December 14	Bernard Fox	89	Welsh character actor/magician, famous for portraying Dr. Hubert Bombay in *Bewitched, Tabitha*, and *Passions*, and Colonel Crittendon on *Hogan's Heroes*. Other credits include *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E*, *Knight Rider*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *F Troop*, *Columbo*, and *M*A*S*H*)	[837]
December 15	Craig Sager	65	Sportscaster and reporter for Turner Sports, best known as the sideline reporter on *NBA on TNT*	[838]
December 17	Guillermo Benites	75	Argentine-born American news anchor for Univision	[839]
December	Zsa Zsa	99	Hungarian-born American actress, singer, personality,	[840]

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18	Gabor		and socialite (TV credits include guest spots on *Gilligan's Island*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *Hart to Hart*, *Jukebox Jury*, *Batman*, *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*, and *Playhouse 90*)	
	Gordie Tapp	94	Canadian entertainer, notable for being a cast member of *Hee Haw* from 1969 to 1988	[841]
December 19	Dick Latessa	87	American actor	[842]
December 20	Lisa Tedesco	59	Radio and television personality in the Boston and Memphis media market (known on-air as Lisa Lipps), who also wrote the 1982 single "General Hosp-Tale," a parody on *General Hospital* for the Afternoon Delights	[843]
December 21	Valerie Fairman	23	Reality television personality who was featured in *16 and Pregnant*	[844]
December 25	George Michael	53	Grammy-award-winning musician/songwriter, and former member of Wham! (appeared as a recurring regular in *Eli Stone*; guest credits include *American Bandstand*, *American Idol* and *Solid Gold*)	[845]
December 26	Ricky Harris	54	American actor and comedian (*Everybody Hates Chris*)	[846]
	George S. Irving	94	American stage/film/television actor, notable for being the voice of the narrator on *Underdog* and the Heat Miser in *The Year Without Santa Claus*	[847]
December 27	Carrie Fisher	60	American actress, best known for her iconic role as Princess Leia in the *Star Wars* franchise. (TV	[848]

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			credits include a regular role in *Castastrophe*, guest hosting *Saturday Night Live*, guest starring on *Laverne & Shirley* and *30 Rock*, and voice work on *Family Guy*)	
December 28	Debbie Reynolds	84	American actress, singer, businesswoman, humanitarian, and author, as well as the mother of Carrie Fisher (notable TV credits include starring in her own self-titled television series and *Aloha Paradise*, the *Halloweentown* film series, *Will & Grace*, *Madame's Place*, and *The Love Boat*)	[849]
	Barbara Tarbuck	74	American actress (*Dallas*, *Quincy M.E.*, *Cagney & Lacey*, *Falcon Crest*, *Santa Barbara*, *NYPD Blue*, *General Hospital* and *American Horror Story*)	[850]
December 31	William Christopher	84	American actor, notable for playing Father Mulcahy on *M*A*S*H* and *AfterMASH*	[851]
	Daniel Kay, Jr.	40	Reality television participant who appeared in season 17 of *Survivor*	[852]

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2017 in American television

The following is a list of events affecting **American television in 2017**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and re-brandings; stations changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about controversies and carriage disputes.

Notable events

January

Date	Event
1	Hearst Television stations in 26 markets are removed from DirecTV due to the companies failing to reach a new retransmission contract.[1] The stations are restored on January 6 with a new retrans agreement.[2]
	WBTS-LD (a former translator of Merrimack, New Hampshire-licensed Telemundo O&O WNEU) signs on as Boston's NBC owned-and-operated station with a rebroadcast of the city's First Night New Year's Eve festivities, replacing Sunbeam Television-owned WHDH, which ended its 68-year tenure as a network affiliate (it had served as a CBS affiliate since its initial sign-on as WNAC-TV (1948-1961, later rejoined in 1972 until 1995), ABC (1961-1972) and NBC (1995-2017), respectively). The switch comes after parent company Comcast (which acquired the station from ZGS Communications in September 2016) announced that it will launch an NBC O&O station in the Boston market (potentially using WNEU, which was announced in November 2016 that it will simulcast the station on one of its subchannels) after WHDH failed to renew its affiliation contract with the network.[3]
2–13	Former *Today* anchors Katie Couric and Meredith Vieira rejoin Matt Lauer on the *Today* anchor desk, with Couric appearing the week of January 2 and Viera the week of January 9. The appearances are to help fete Lauer's 20th anniversary on the NBC morning

	news/talk show, to help fill the void left by current co-anchor Savannah Guthrie's maternity leave, and to mark *Today*'s 65th anniversary.[4]
3	NBC News announces the hiring of Megyn Kelly from Fox News, where she was host of *The Kelly File* (which aired its last edition on January 6). At NBC, she will host a daytime news and discussion program (reported to be replacing the existing *Today's Take* format of the third hour of *Today*) and a Sunday newsmagazine, and is figured to play a prominent role in the network's political and major news coverage.[5]
4	The FCC approves a waiver in regulations allowing Mexican media company Televisa to increase its ownership stake in Univision Communications from 10% to 40%. This waiver of the 1934 law, which applies only to any Televisa/Univision transaction (foreign ownership in any U.S. communications company is limited to 25%), will allow Televisa to expand its long-sought control of Univision, which has sought out ways to stay financially competitive.[6]
5	As part of a new contract with ESPN, Chris Berman announced he will step down from his role as host of the network's NFL studio programming, as well as the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby. The sportscaster, who has been with the network from its inception in 1979, will stay on as a commentator for *Monday Night Countdown* and call the MLB Division Series for ESPN Radio.[7]
	Former Fox News Channel anchor Greta Van Susteren is hired by rival MSNBC, where she will host *For the Record*, an early-evening news and analysis show based in Washington, DC. Van Susteren's program, debuting on January 9, replaces the rebroadcast of Bloomberg Television's *With All Due Respect*, which ended in December 2016.[8] The program only lasts just over six months, and Van Susteren departs MSNBC on June 29 due to the network deciding to go in a different direction.[9]
6	Hearst Television announces that it had acquired a majority stake in Charleston, South Carolina-based Litton Entertainment, which controls four of the five E/I-compliant Saturday morning blocks on the five major broadcast networks, along with being a syndicator of traditional programming, for an undisclosed amount (the company's CEO, Dave Morgan, was a former employee of Hearst). The deal was closed on February 1.[10][11]
8	The motion picture *La La Land* (with a record seven wins, including best musical/comedy film) and TV newcomers *Atlanta* and *The Crown* (best comedy/musical and drama series, respectively) are among the notable winners at the 74th Golden Globe Awards. Jimmy Fallon emcees the ceremony on NBC.[12]

12	C-SPAN's live coverage of a United States House of Representatives debate abruptly switches for 10 minutes to a live feed of RT. Though fears are suggested that the feed was hijacked by pro-Russian hackers (RT is funded by the Government of Russia), C-SPAN initially believes it was due to an internal routing error (RT is one of several networks that C-SPAN monitors for news coverage).[13]
	Former HBO employee Jennifer Choi is sentenced to 30 months in prison after admitting to bilking nearly $1 million from the network over a six-year period (2008-2014). Choi had worked in talent relations for HBO, and plead guilty in January 2016 to charges of wire fraud and tax evasion. She admitted to submitting invoices and reaping money for services never rendered by a shell company she controlled, as well as charging $63,000 to HBO's account for car service bills for her family and friends. Choi also faces three years of post-jail supervised release (during which she cannot be employed in a capacity where she is in charge of an employer's funds) and must also pay restitution to HBO and back taxes.[14]
15	An audience of 48.5 million watch Fox's live broadcast of the National Football Conference Championship game between the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys, one marked by Packers kicker Mason Crosby's game-ending, game-winning 51-yard field goal. The audience for the telecast is the largest ever for an NFL divisional round game, outdrawing last season's NFC Championship game (45.7 million) and falling just behind 2015's NFC title game (49.8 million).[15]
16	After a 19-month hiatus, Bob Beckel returns to Fox News Channel as co-host of *The Five*. Beckel, who joined FNC in 2000 as a political contributor and is one of the original co-hosts of the early-evening political opinion program since its 2011 debut, left the program in 2015 to join CNN as a commentator. Current co-host Juan Williams, who will continue to appear on *The Five*, will remain as Fox News contributor across all programs.[16] Beckel departs Fox News Channel again on May 19, this time involuntarily, for refusing to allow an African-American FNC IT employee to service his personal computer and directing racial remarks towards the man.[17]
17	Almost a full year after the deal was first announced, due in part to delays in license transfer approvals caused by the agency's auction of broadcast spectrum to telecommunications providers, and six days after the FCC gives its approval, Nexstar Broadcasting Group completes its $4.6 billion acquisition of Media General. The combined company, now known as Nexstar Media Group, includes a portfolio of 171 full-power stations, covering 100 markets (including 16 of the top 50,) and nearly 39% of the U.S. Among these stations, MyNetworkTV affiliate KRON-TV/San Francisco becomes Nexstar's largest station by market size and its second to be based in a top-10 market (after WHAG-TV/Hagerstown, Maryland, which is licensed within the Washington, D.C. market).[18]

	On the same day Dish Network reaches a retransmission deal to avert a blackout of Gray Television's stations, the lack of a new carriage pact leads to the removal of 12 Bonten Media Group stations in eight markets from the satellite service.[19]
	Shark Tank host Kevin O'Leary announces on his Facebook page that he will return to his native Canada to run for the leadership post of that country's Conservative Party, a role equivalent to a U.S. presidential candidate.[20] O'Leary would withdraw from the race and endorse a fellow leadership candidate on April 26.[21]
18	Britney Spears (four awards) and Ellen DeGeneres (three awards, enough to make her the most awarded in the show's history) are among the notable winners at the 43rd People's Choice Awards.[22] Joel McHale hosts the telecast, which airs on CBS.[23]
22	Several contributors to Fox News Channel are cut from the network, including longtime contributors George Will and former *Fox News Watch* panelist Cal Thomas, along with Ed Rollins, former U.S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato and actress Stacey Dash, who was a regular panelist on *Outnumbered* and had made several controversial statements.[24][25]
29	The Miss Universe 2016 pageant is held at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippines and broadcast on Fox and Azteca, with Steve Harvey as host (who humorously addressed his mistake during the previous year's pageant, in which he accidentally announced Ariadna Gutiérrez of Colombia as the winner before being corrected that Pia Wurtzbach of the Philippines had actually won). Iris Mittenaere of France is selected as the winner, ending a 63-year drought for the country, when Christiane Martel took the title in 1953.[26][27] This marked the second time that the pageant skipped a year since the Miss Universe 2014, which was held in Miami, Florida in January 2015.[28]
	NBC special correspondent Tom Brokaw celebrates his 50th anniversary at NBC News with a two-hour special episode of *Dateline NBC*, titled *Tom Brokaw at NBC News: The First 50 Years*, which featured footage from some of his most memorable interviews and highlights in his career (including his coverage of Watergate scandal, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and several presidential campaigns), as well as in-depth conversations with guests including Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, Tom Hanks, Jon Stewart, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Colin Powell and David Letterman. Brokaw joined NBC News as a West Coast correspondent and anchor of NBC O&O KNBC/Los Angeles from 1966 to 1972 before becoming a White House correspondent (1973-1976) and an anchor of *Today* (1976–1981) and *NBC Nightly News* (1982-2004).[29][30]
31	With one final ESPN assignment on this date (a Georgia/Kentucky men's basketball

	game), Brent Musburger ends a nearly 50-year TV sportscasting career spent covering various events for ESPN, ABC, and CBS.[31]

February

Date	Event
1	The networks and owned-and-operated television stations of Univision Communications (including Univision, UniMas, Galavision, Fusion, Univision tlnovelasand the Univision Deportes Network, along with the American simulcasts of several domestic Mexican Televisa networks) are removed from Charter/Spectrumsystems nationwide due to an ongoing retransmission dispute between the companies.[32] The next day, a judge overseeing a carriage fee lawsuit between the two companies orders the Univision channels to be restored on Charter/Spectrum.[33] The companies later agree to temporarily keep the channels on Charter/Spectrum until at least June.[34]
2	The NWSL announced a three-year agreement with A+E Networks, in which Lifetime broadcasts 22 regular-season matches as the *NWSL Game of the Week*at 4 p.m. Eastern on Saturday afternoons, as well as three post-season matches. This marked the first time that the NWSL had a weekly broadcast window throughout the entire season. Players also wear a sleeve patch of the network's logo on their uniforms. As part of the deal, A&E Networks also purchased a 25% equity stake in the NWSL, were granted two seats on the league's board, and formed a joint venture with the league known as NWSL Media to oversee the league's marketing and broadcast rights. This deal marked the first time Lifetime had broadcast sports since the WNBA in the late 1990s and early 2000s.[35][36][37][38][39]
5	Super Bowl LI airs on Fox in English and on Fox Deportes in Spanish, with 111.3 million viewers watching the New England Patriots come back from a 25-point 3rd quarter deficit to defeat the Atlanta Falcons in the first Super Bowl to go into overtime.[40] Lady Gaga is the headliner in the halftime show, a critically acclaimed performance that draws 117.5 million viewers, the fourth consecutive year the halftime show outdraws the Super Bowl itself.[40][41] Two noteworthy ads that debut that make light of U.S. President Donald Trump's signing of executive orders that ban travelers from several Muslim nations and orders a physical wall to be built between Mexico and the United States. An ad for Budweiser beer depicts Anheuser-Busch co-founder Adolphus Busch's emigration to the United States from Germany and his first meeting with Eberhard Anheuser,[42] while one for 84 Lumber depicts a mother and daughter journeying from Mexico to the United States, a shorter version of a full ad made available online (after Fox rejects the longer version for being overtly political).[43][44][45][46]

6	Fox affiliate WFXG/Augusta, Georgia begins migrating production of its news programming in-house with the debut of a 3½-hour weekday morning newscast that is produced out of expanded space at the station's studios in nearby Martinez. The Raycom Media station had been outsourcing its newscasts since 2004, when it premiered a 10:00 p.m. broadcast produced under an agreement with ABC affiliate WJBF. After WJBF took over the news operations of NBC affiliate WAGT through a since-discontinued shared services agreement between their respective ex-owners Media General and Schurz Communications in October 2011, production of the program's in-studio segments transferred to CBS-affiliated sister WTOC-TV/Savannah, with WFXG maintaining a limited staff of Augusta-based multimedia journalists to file field reports.[47] WTOC will continue to produce all studio segments for the prime time newscast in the interim until WFXG expands its news staff.[48]
9	Bob Costas announces during a live interview on *Today* that he will step down as prime time host of NBC's Olympic Games coverage and *Sunday Night Football*, duties he has held for NBC Sports since 1992 and 2006, respectively. Costas will hand the duties to Mike Tirico, who joined NBC Sports in 2016 after a quarter century at ESPN, beginning with the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.[49]
	Viacom announces a plan to realign its cable television division to focus on six core channels: MTV, Nickelodeon, Nick Jr., Comedy Central, BET, and Spike, the latter of which will rebrand to the Paramount Network in early 2018.[50][51]
11	Alec Baldwin hosts *Saturday Night Live* for the 17th time, setting the record for the most appearances as the show's guest host, having made his first appearance in 1990. The episode was Baldwin's first time hosting during the 42nd season, after having appeared as Donald Trump in several sketches in most of the season's episodes to date, succeeding Darrell Hammond. This episode – which also featured performances by musical guest Ed Sheeran and a special guest appearance by Melissa McCarthy as White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer in the cold open (the second consecutive episode she has done so) – delivered a 3.10 rating and an audience of 10.843 million, the largest for the NBC late night live television sketch comedy and variety show since the January 8, 2011 episode hosted by Jim Carrey with musical guest The Black Keys.[52]
12	Adele (who, despite dropping an obscenity while asking for a do over during a tribute to George Michael, emerges as the winner Album, Record, and Song of the Year categories, for *25* and "Hello", respectively), David Bowie (five posthumous wins, all for his last album *Blackstar*), Chance the Rapper (Best New Artist, the first unsigned artist to win in this category), Twenty One Pilots (who accepted their win in the Pop Duo performance category for "Stressed Out" while wearing underwear), and Maren Morris (Country solo for "My Church") are among the notable winners at the 59th Grammy Awards. James Corden hosts

	the event, which airs on CBS.[53] Other major performances during the telecast include pregnant two-time winner Beyonce ("Love Drought" and "Sandcastles"), Lady Gaga with Metallica ("Moth Into Flame," despite minor sound issues), Katy Perry ("Chained to the Rhythm", while the U.S. constitution is displayed in the background), The Time with Bruno Mars (a *Tribute to Prince*), and a controversial performance by A Tribe Called Quest with Anderson Paak, Busta Rhymes, and Consequence attacking Donald Trump's travel ban while performing "We the People...."[54][55]
13	Nick Cannon announces he will not return as host of *America's Got Talent*, citing creative differences between him and executives at NBC. The resignation comes in the wake of news that the network considered firing Cannon, who hosted the variety competition for eight seasons, after he made disparaging remarks about NBC in a recent Showtime comedy special, *Stand Up, Don't Shoot*. "I love art and entertainment too much to watch it be ruined by controlling corporations and big business," Cannon said in a statement, referencing cable giant Comcast's ownership of NBC.[56]
15	KSWL-LD/Lake Charles, Louisiana signs on the air as the market's CBS affiliate, returning the network to Lake Charles for the first time since KTAG-TVceased operations in 1961. Prior to the sign-on, viewers in the market could only receive CBS programming via KLFY-TV/Lafayette and KFDM-TV/Beaumont, Texas. Shortly after KSWL made its debut, its owner, Waypoint Media, also acquired KWWE-LD, which is converted into a MyNetworkTV affiliate (with MeTVon its LD2 subchannel).[57]
16	Gray Television announces its intent to purchase CBS affiliate WABI-TV/Bangor, Maine and ABC affiliate WCJB/Gainesville, Florida from Diversified Communications for $85 million. The deal, which will mark Diversified's exit from broadcasting once the purchase receives FCC approval, will end WABI's status as the oldest continuously family-owned station in the U.S. and will reunite the station with fellow CBS outlet WAGM-TV/Presque Isle, which Diversified had owned from 1971 to 1984 (it was eventually sold to Gray in 2015).[58]
19	Discussion forms on The Internet Movie Database (IMDb) are shuttered. The Amazon-owned platform, which catalogs a database of films, television, and performers, announced the move on February 3, citing the migration of entertainment discussions to social media as well as the disruption of user experiences and user ratings by internet trolls.[59]
	NBC celebrates its 90th anniversary of broadcasting with a three-hour special, *The Paley Center Salutes NBC's 90th Anniversary*. Hosted by Kelsey Grammer, the program features a look back at NBC's most well-known former and current programs (including dramas, comedies, late night and variety shows, NBC News programs, television specials, sporting events among others) and recorded interviews with the network's past and present talents.

	The network began its operations in 1926 as a radio network when it was founded by former owner Radio Corporation of America (RCA), and launched its television service in 1941 with the launch of an experimental television station that later became its New York City flagship WNBC-TV.[60]
23	The FCC issues a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will authorize broadcasters to utilize ATSC 3.0, the second generation of the digital television broadcast standard that will enable television stations to provide improved better management of offer features such as ultra-high-definition content, enhanced bandwidth and compression efficiency, datacasting, targeted advertising and upgrades to the Emergency Alert System. Unlike with the transition to the current ATSC 1.0 standard, broadcasters could adopt the standard (which will require launching a separate digital signal) on a voluntary basis and will not require television and mobile phone manufacturers to include tuning capability for viewers to receive the signals nor will employ government subsidies for consumers to make the transition. The rules were put into place despite concerns about issues concerning requirements that pay television providers carry 1.0 and 3.0 signals of participating stations at the expense of other channels, effects on consumers and voluntary broadcaster adoption of the standard.[61]
	The Meredith Corporation announces that it will acquire the license assets of independent station WPCH-TV/Atlanta – which Meredith had been operating since 2011 under joint sales and shared services agreements with its existing CBS affiliate WGCL-TV – from the Turner Broadcasting System for $70 million. The sale was reportedly done to expedite Turner parent Time Warner's merger with AT&T. Turner Broadcasting founder Ted Turner purchased the station (then WJRJ) in 1970, and uplinked it to satellite in December 1976, making it the first national superstation – later known as TBS – and the first basic cable channel in the U.S. The Atlanta station was separated from the national TBS feed in October 2007, after the latter acquired partial national cable rights to air Major League Baseball games (TBS' Atlanta Braves game telecasts were relegated to WPCH for exclusive local broadcast thereafter, before Fox Sports Southfully assumed the regional television rights in 2013).[62][63] The transaction received FCC approval on April 17, and was completed four days later on April 21.[64][65]
26	*La La Land* (six awards) and *Moonlight* (Best Picture) are among the notable winners at the 89th Academy Awards. Jimmy Kimmel hosts the event, which airs on ABC. Throughout the show, Jimmy renews his "feud" with Matt Damon in a skit harshly criticizing Damon's 2011 film *We Bought a Zoo*, has announcer Randy Thomas introduce him as only the unnamed "guest" of Ben Affleck, and conducts the orchestra to play him off while Damon presents the award for Best Adapted Screenplay.[66] The telecast also includes several jokes and pro-diversity comments from winners and presenters in response to President Donald Trump's immigration policies, such as those in which Kimmel live-tweets Trump, who hadn't responded to the comments on his Twitter account since the show's start (Trump was hosting the annual Governor's Ball at the White House during the ceremony) and[67] gives a speech in

	which he jokingly agrees with Trump's tweets about Meryl Streep's pro-diversity speech at the Golden Globes, in which Trump called her "overrated."[68] In an infamous moment, *La La Land*is accidentally announced as Best Picture winner, after presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway are mistakenly given the envelope disclosing *La La Land*'s Emma Stone as Best Actress winner; *La La Land* producer Jordan Horowitz interrupts to clarify that *Moonlight* was the actual winner.[69]PricewaterhouseCoopers, the accounting firm which secures the envelopes, later issued a sincere apology for the error and promise to investigate it.[70] It was reported the man who handed Beatty the envelope was tweeting a picture he took of Stone with her trophy instead of concentrating on his duties.[71] In addition, ESPN (through its in-house film division) is given the first Oscar for Best Documentary Feature ever awarded to a sports-centric broadcaster, as well as the first longest-running documentary or motion picture to achieve this feat (clocking in at 7 hours and 47 minutes), for its *30 for 30* miniseries feature *O.J.: Made in America*.[72] History is also made for streaming services Netflix, which scored its first win with the Syrian-produced documentary short *The White Helmets*,[73] and Amazon Studios with *Manchester by the Sea* for Best Original Screenplay (Kenneth Lonergan) and Best Actor (Casey Affleck); the first-ever film released by a digital streaming service to be nominated for Best Picture,[74] and *The Salesman* (for Best Foreign Language Film; Amazon holds U.S. rights to the Iranian/French-produced film).[75] The ceremony, which runs for three hours and 49 minutes (the longest telecast in 10 years), delivered an overnight 22.4 rating and 32.9 million total viewers, the lowest viewership average for the ceremony since the 2008 telecast.[76]

March

Date	Event
1	Aiming to improve U.S./Mexico relations in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order proposing a wall on the countries' border and mass deportations of illegal Mexican immigrants (moves that have caused a diplomatic crisis between the countries), Conan O'Brien takes his TBS talk show to Mexico. The special episode, titled "*Conan* Without Borders: Made in Mexico" and taped with all-Mexican guests, crew and audience at Televisa's Mexico Citystudios, features as guests actor/producer/director Diego Luna, former Mexican President Vicente Fox, and *Top Chef Mexico* Judge Aquiles Chavez, as well as O'Brien's attending a Quinceañera and soliciting (without success) donations to fund the wall in person-on-the-street segments.[77]
3	Hearst Television stations in 26 markets (including Boston, Baltimore, Kansas City, Orlando, Sacramento and New Orleans) are removed from Dish Networkdue to the companies failing to reach a new retransmission contract, despite a 48-hour extension granted by Hearst to extend negotiations to renew the contract that formally expired on March 1. Representatives for Dish stated that the company had agreed to accept the same terms that DirecTV had reached Hearst after the two

	companies had renewed their carriage agreement in January, which Hearst felt was less acceptable, given that Dish has only half the total audience reach of its satellite rival.[78] The Hearst signals return to Dish on April 26.[79]
8	By a 91-21 margin (with 12 other ballots challenged or uncounted) in NLRB-administered balloting, actors employed by Telemundo for the Spanish-language network's scripted programming vote to unionize with SAG-AFTRA, bringing a close to a 15-year labor dispute between the entertainers' union and Telemundo parent NBCUniversal. SAG-AFTRA had argued that NBCUniversal maintains a double standard by allowing its English-language performers to unionize while refusing the same right to Spanish-speaking actors.[80] The move marks the first time in which a Spanish-language television broadcaster has allowed to have its employers to become part of a labor union.[81]
16	Entravision Communications announces that it will purchase Action Channel affiliate KMCC/Laughlin, Nevada from Beam Tilt, LLC (a subsidiary of Chicago-based Cranston Acquisition LLC) for $3.75 million. The sale will create a triopoly with Entravision's existing Las Vegas stations, Univision affiliate KINC and UniMás affiliate KELV-LD (Laughlin is part of the Las Vegas market), and the second full-power duopoly in the market (after Sinclair Broadcast Group-owned NBC affiliate KSNV and CW affiliate KVCW); the deal complies with current FCC duopoly regulations as neither station is among the Las Vegas market's four highest-rated and the market will have more than eight independent station owners once the sale is finalized.[82][83][84]
21	Fox News Channel suspends legal analyst Andrew Napolitano from on-air appearances after he makes a bogus claim that the British spy agency Government Communications Headquarters had illegally wire tapped Trump Tower at the request of outgoing President Barack Obama during the 2016 US Presidential election.[85] Napolitano, still standing by his claims, returns to Fox News' air on March 29.[86]
27–31	Five colleges and universities visited by NBC personality Al Roker set new Guinness-verified world records on live television as part of its week-long special series *Rokerthon 3: Storming Into The Madness*, which aired on the network's morning news/talk show *Today*. The special series began at University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma on March 27 and concluded at Roker's alma mater, SUNY Oswego in Oswego, New York on the 31st.[87]
28	Fox's *New Girl* answers a long-unresolved question with the revelation of Schmidt's (Max Greenfield) first name — Winston (the same as that of fellow roommate Winston L'Andre Bishop, played by Lamorne Morris) — in the episode "San Diego."[88]

31	After a 16-month absence, Comcast restores YES Network to its cable systems in New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, in the wake of the sides resolving a carriage dispute, in which Comcast accused the 21st Century Fox-Yankee Global Enterprises regional sports network venture of asking for an estimated 33% hike in subscriber fees to continue carrying the channel.[89]

April

Date	Event
4	Raycom Media announces its intent to purchase a majority interest in Fox affiliate WVUE-DT/New Orleans from Tom Benson (owner of the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans, who will retain a partial stake in WVUE once the deal is completed) for $51.8 million. Pending FCC approval, the acquisition will bridge a relationship that the Montgomery, Alabama-based group has had with WVUE since 2013, when Benson's Louisiana Media Company (which bought the station from Emmis Communications for $41 million in May 2008) decided to transfer its operations to Raycom under joint sales and shared services agreements that included a put option – which Benson exercised on February 6 – for Raycom to eventually acquire the license. It will also give Raycom its fourth owned-and-operated station in Louisiana, joining CBS affiliates KSLA/Shreveport and WAFB/Baton Rouge, and NBC affiliate KPLC/Lake Charles.[90][91][92]
	After announcing his retirement from the National Football League as a player, former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is named the lead commentator for CBS Sports' coverage of the professional league, serving as color analyst alongside current lead play-by-play host Jim Nantz. Under the league's contract with CBS, he will also cover the network's *Thursday Night Football* telecasts,[93] which Amazon Prime acquires streaming rights to (along with NBC games) on the same day for $50 million, or five times what Twitter paid the previous year.[94]
5	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer buys out Lionsgate and Paramount Pictures's combined 80.91% ownership stakes in premium cable channel Epix for $1.03 billion. Under the terms of the deal, Paramount and Lionsgate – both of which co-founded Epix in conjunction with MGM in 2009, following a contract negotiation dispute with Showtime over film rights fees – will continue to allow Epix to hold the pay television rights to their theatrical feature films under multi-year distribution agreements. Lionsgate and Paramount parent Viacom had been looking at a possible sale of Epix since the fall of 2016, after Lionsgate purchased pay cable rival Starz in June of that year, and Viacom sought strategic opportunities to pay down its debt of $12 billion and streamlined its operations by shifting focus on restructuring Paramount

	and the Viacom Media Networks cable channels.[95][96][97][98][99]
	YouTube enters the over-the-top MVPD field with the rollout of YouTube TV, which initially launches in New York City, Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Philadelphia and Chicago. Announced on February 28, the service offers live streams of programming from the five major broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and The CW), as well as a slate of approximately 40 cable channels owned by NBCUniversal, CBS Corporation, 21st Century Fox and The Walt Disney Company (including among others USA Network, Disney Channel, FX and ESPN, with Showtime and Fox Soccer Plus available as add-ons for an extra fee) and access to YouTube Red original content. The lineup is smaller than the more than 100 channels offered by AT&T's DirecTV Now,[100] and does not include channels owned by major groups like Viacom, Time Warner, Discovery Communications, A+E Networks or AMC Networks.[101][102][103]Features will include the ability to create up of six user account profiles per a single subscription (with separate log-ins and access to three simultaneous streams per account) and a cloud DVR with unlimited storage that can retain recorded programming for nine months after their original airdate.[104][105][106]
	Max Media files an FCC application announcing its intent to sell NBC-primary/CBS-subchannel affiliate WNKY/Bowling Green to Marquee Broadcasting for $5.6 million. Following expected approval of the sale, Fox affiliate WPFO/Waterville-Portland, Maine will temporarily become the sole television station in Max Media's portfolio, until its sale of the license to Cunningham Broadcasting (whose partner company, Sinclair Broadcast Group, already maintains a shared services agreement with WPFO) is completed.[107][108]
6	PepsiCo pulls a controversial ad titled *Live for Now* that contained Kendall Jenner marching through a crowd of Black Lives Matter protestors to give a white police officer a can of Pepsi, stating "Pepsi was trying to project a global message of unity, peace and understanding. Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize. We did not intend to make light of any serious issue. We are removing the content and halting any further rollout. We also apologize for putting Kendall Jenner in this position".[109]
15	Beginning with this night's broadcast (with host Jimmy Fallon, musical guest Harry Styles, and surprise guests Alec Baldwin as Donald Trump, Melissa McCarthy as Sean Spicer, Rachel Dratch as Denise "Zazu" McDenna of The Boston Teens, and Nile Rogers sitting in with the band), the last four episodes of the season for NBC's *Saturday Night Live* will be carried live for the first time across all four time zones in the Contiguous United States (though it will also air at its usual time on a second-run tape delay in the Pacific Time Zone, and delayed as usual after late local newscasts on affiliates in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Mariana Islands), along with all of Canada on simulcasting network Global. The March 16 announcement of the nationwide live broadcast of the 42nd season's remaining episodes came one week after NBC announced that it will also air 30-

	minute live prime time editions of the show's *Weekend Update*segment in August.[110]
18	AT&T signs a deal with Fox Networks Group to add live feeds of 14 Fox-affiliated stations owned by Tribune Media (serving markets such as Denver, San Diego, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cleveland and Seattle) to DirecTV Now, beginning April 24. The Tribune-owned Fox affiliates join the network's 17 owned-and-operated stations, bringing the number of Fox stations offering linear streams on the AT&T-owned virtual MVPD service to 31. The deal – which will make DirecTV Now the second virtual MVPD provider, after PlayStation Vue (which carries CBS affiliates owned by various groups as well as a limited selection of ABC, NBC, and Fox-affiliated stations), to offer affiliates not owned by their corresponding network – is part of a strategy by the Big Three networks to offer their local stations on new and existing virtual MVPD services through opt-in digital rights agreements with their various affiliate groups.[111]
19	21st Century Fox announces its firing of Fox News Channel personality Bill O'Reilly.[112][113] A popular part of Fox News since its 1996 launch, O'Reilly's firing (and his reported $25 million severance)[114] came after more than 85 sponsors pulled their advertisements from *The O'Reilly Factor* (the network's highest-rated program), on the heels of legal documents uncovered by *The New York Times* surrounding sexual harassment allegations against O'Reilly, in which he and Fox News — which had reached a deal to extend O'Reilly's contract earlier in the month — paid settlements totaling about $13 million to five women. (O'Reilly claims the accusers are "targeting" him because of his prominence.)[115][116] The move creates a shakeup in FNC's lineup: on April 24, *Tucker Carlson Tonight* will take *Factor*'s 8:00 p.m. Eastern time slot; late-afternoon show *The Five* will move to *Carlson*'s 9:00 p.m. slot; and departing *Five* co-host Eric Bolling will debut a new show in *Five*'s former slot on May 1.
20	In a 2-1 party-line vote, the FCC restores the 50% discount on calculating a station owner's national coverage by factoring the broadcast coverage of UHFstations (physical channels 14 to 51). The restoration of the 1985 rulemaking – which was abolished in a similar party-line vote led by former FCC chair Tom Wheeler in September 2016, on the basis that reception of UHF signals became superior to those operating on the VHF band with the advent of digital television – will allow ownership groups to surpass the still-in-place 39% nationwide household cap, potentially allowing them reach up to 78% of all U.S. markets.[117] The move comes despite Democratic opposition from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and House Committee on Energy and Commerceranking member Frank Pallone, who jointly authored a letter in advance of the vote, condemning the discount's reinstatement as re-opening a loophole to allow broadcasters – including companies with already large station portfolios such as Sinclair Broadcast Group, which Pelosi and Pallone cited in the letter regarding reports of Sinclair's interest in acquiring Tribune Media, and Nexstar Media Group – to acquire additional television stations with a "blunt, illogical and anti-consumer instrument."[118]

21	In the first deal announced after the FCC's restoration of the UHF discount, a move seen as a likely catalyst toward station ownership consolidation,[117]Sinclair Broadcast Group announces it will purchase the fourteen television stations owned by Bonten Media Group in eight markets for $240 million. At approximately 25%, with the discount, the deal – which is pending FCC approval – would only add 1% of coverage to Sinclair's national market reach (without the discount, Sinclair's national reach would exceed the current national cap at 39.6%). Fox affiliate WFXI/Greenville, North Carolina is exempted from the deal, as that station's spectrum had been sold in the FCC incentive auction for $42.1 million (Fox programming will remain available in the market via WFXI satellite station WYDO).[119]
	In a ruling on a copyright infringement lawsuit first filed in 2015, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia orders the shutdown of Shava TV and Cres TV, two over-the-top services founded by Imran and Naeem Butt, which sold set-top boxes transmitting several Arabic and South Asian entertainment networks (such as Sony Entertainment Television Asia, Star Plus, Zee TV, ARY Digital, ATN Bangla, MBC and Al Jazeera) through peer-to-peer networks to U.S. residents, after determining that the companies violated copyright law by distributing the networks and using their logos without permission. The case's plaintiffs (led by Dish Network and several of the aforementioned networks, which are also members of the International Broadcaster Coalition Against Piracy) were awarded $25.65 million in damages.[120][121]
24	ABC announces the launch of the ABC Clearinghouse initiative, a digital MVPD venture that brings 160 affiliate stations (among them coming from broadcasters such as Sinclair Broadcast Group, the E.W. Scripps Company, Hearst Television, and Tegna), including its eight O&Os (about 90% of the country) to an emerging platform as a chance to opt-in to a uniform carriage deal template negotiated by network executives in an effort to ensure that the network has a robust presence. The initiative will also utilize ABC programming via the ABC app and TV Everywhere, along with live streaming carriage pacts with DirecTV Now, PlayStation Vue, YouTube TV, CenturyLink, Hulu, Amazon (the latter two of which are planning services that will include this deal upon the announced launches of their virtual MVPD services) and other nascent ventures.[122]
26	Facing increasing rights fees and a decreasing subscriber base, ESPN lays off approximately 100 employees, including such notable on-air faces as athletes-turned-analysts Trent Dilfer and Danny Kanell, and noted journalists like NFL beat reporter Ed Werder and Major League Baseball expert Jayson Stark.[123][124] Further cost-cutting measures taken by ESPN include relocating ESPNU's studio operations from Charlotte to the company's Bristol, Connecticut headquarters,[125] reducing its longtime MLB studio show *Baseball Tonight* to Sundays as a lead-in to the primetime game, and adding the MLB Network-produced *Intentional Talk* to ESPN2's daily lineup.[126]

May

Date	Event
1	After almost a full year of working with guest hosts in the wake of Michael Strahan's move to a full-time role at *Good Morning America*, Kelly Ripa introduces Ryan Seacrest as the new permanent co-host of the newly renamed *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, effective on this date. It is Seacrest's first turn as a host of a syndicated television program since his first effort in 2004. Under the arrangement, Seacrest will serve as an executive producer on the Disney/ABC-produced *Live*, and will relocate from Los Angeles to New York City (with his syndicated radio program, which will move into a converted radio studio inside ABC's New York City offices, following suit) to accommodate his work on the show.[127]
	Fox News announces the resignation of its co-president, Bill Shine, in the wake of ongoing sexual harassment cases and accusations at the network and his alleged knowledge about and cover-ups of them. Longtime deputies Suzanne Scott and Jay Wallace succeed Shine as president of programming and president of news, respectively.[128]
	In an emotional monologue criticizing House Republicans' attempts to replace the Affordable Care Act with the controversial American Health Care Act, Jimmy Kimmel reveals that his newborn son, William John Kimmel (to whom wife and show co-head writer, Molly McNearney, had given birth on April 21), had recently underwent surgery to repair a rare congenital heart defect, tetralogy of Fallot with pulmonary atresia, that was detected by a nurse when William was three hours old. To tend to his son, Kimmel takes paternity leave from *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, with Will Arnett, Anthony Anderson, Kristen Bell and David Spade, respectively, filling in for Kimmel for the remainder of the week.[129][130] Kimmel returned to the show on May 8, sarcastically repenting for his comments in his monologue, in response to criticism from some conservative Congressmen and commentators who labeled him as an elitist for his plea to reverse their consideration of the AHCA, which previous CBO estimates stated could result in 24 million Americans losing healthcare coverage by 2014 through the elimination of ACA-mandated patient protections (an ACA repeal bill was passed by Republicans in a party-line House vote on May 4). He also interviewed Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana), a physician who suggested that a Senate review of the AHCA should employ a "Jimmy Kimmel test" to ensure that the legislation adequately covers pre-existing medical conditions in a fiscally conservative manner, with Kimmel calling for such a litmus test to ensure that the ability to afford insurance or existing health maladies not dictate whether families and individuals receive healthcare services.[131]
2	Hours after their old deal expires, the Writers Guild of America (both West and East branches) and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producersannounce a new three-year labor

	agreement (pending approval of the union's rank-and-file), averting a potential strike that could have adversely affected TV production. Under the proposal, which Guild membership would approve by May 24, writers will receive higher pay for work on shorter-run seasons of television programs distributed on both linear and digital platforms, and residuals for programs distributed on video on demand platforms. Both sides also agreed to increase studio and network contributions and initiate other cost-effective changes to the WGA's health insurance plan.[132][133][134][135]
3	On the heels of YouTube's April launch of its over-the-top television provider, Hulu beta launches its own virtual MVPD service, which offers access to live streams of more than 50 broadcast and cable-originated channels as well as Hulu's library of 3,500+ TV series and films for $39.99 per month. The service, first announced in 2015, offers live streams of programming from the five major broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and The CW) through owned-and-operated stations and affiliates in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia (Hulu plans to reach deals with other broadcasting groups to expand its portfolio of streamed stations), as well as cable channels owned by NBCUniversal, 21st Century Fox, CBS Corporation, The Walt Disney Company, Turner Broadcasting System, Scripps Networks Interactive and A+E Networks (encompassing networks such as CNN, Food Network, Disney Channel, A&E, MSNBC and ESPN). Showtime – which Hulu had been selling as a standalone streaming offering since the launch of the premium channel's OTT service in 2015 – is also available as an add-on for an extra fee.[136] The lineup does not include channels owned by major groups like Viacom (with which Hulu has indicated it will not seek a carriage agreement), Home Box Office Inc., Starz Inc., Discovery Communications or AMC Networks.[137][138][138]With initial support for Xbox One, Apple TV, Chromecast, iOS and Android devices, features will include the ability to create up of six user account profiles per a single subscription (with personalized program recommendations based on a user's favorite programs and varying simultaneous streams depending on the package), personalized sports recommendations and a cloud DVR with between 50 and 200 hours of storage depending on the level of service (the lower-tier DVR does not have ad skipping functionality).[139][140][141][142] Fox offers a national feed with alternate programming from sister cable networks outside of network time in markets where a Fox affiliate has not come to terms to stream their station through Hulu's live TV service, returning Fox to offering some form of a national feed for the first time since 2006, when the network ended their Foxnet cable channel for markets without an available affiliate upon the advent of the digital age.[143][144]
4	Gray Television announces its purchase of WCAX-TV/Bulington-Plattsburgh, acquiring the station long held by the Hasbrook/Martin family and its Mount Mansfield Television company for $29 million. Gray will assume operational control under a local marketing agreement beginning June 1, with the purchase expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2017.[145][146]

	Morning Joe co-hosts Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski announce in an interview with *Vanity Fair* they are engaged to be married. Scarborough and Brzezinski, who have been co-hosts of the MSNBC morning political talk show since 2007, reportedly began dating months after Brzezinski filed for divorce from her first husband, WABC-TV/New York City investigative reporter James Hoffer, in December 2015.[147]
7	The 2017 MTV Movie & TV Awards air on MTV and its Viacom sister networks, originating from Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium in a live broadcast. The event, for the first time, features honors in television categories, along with individual honors not being listed by gender, with TV honors going to *Stranger Things* for "Best Show" and the Netflix series' co-star, Millie Bobby Brown, winning "Best Actor in a Show".[148]
8	Sinclair Broadcast Group announces that it will acquire Tribune Media for $3.9 billion, plus the assumption of $2.7 billion in debt. Factoring prior purchases still under regulatory review, the acquisition may boost Sinclair's portfolio to as many as 223 stations in 108 markets, with expansions into additional top-10 markets including New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Dallas (CW affiliate WPIX/New York City will displace ABC affiliate WJLA-TV/Washington D.C. – which would form a duopoly with CW affiliate WDCW through the deal – as its largest station by market size).[149][150][151] To comply with DOJ antitrust and FCC ownership regulations, Sinclair is required to divest stations in certain markets that would put the group over the current 39% national reach limit (its enlarged portfolio would technically cover 72% of the U.S., but theoretically reach around 45% with the UHF discount), and sell conflict properties in Seattle, Portland (Oregon), Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Harrisburg, Greensboro, Salt Lake City, Scranton, and Norfolk (the aforementioned markets, save for Portland and Norfolk, involve a Fox affiliate owned by Sinclair or Tribune, or a duopoly and/or a JSA/SSA involving one or both groups; six of the market conflicts involve two stations that both rank among and/or below the top four in local viewership, with five of them involving stations with competing news departments). Sinclair executives indicated that the group would fully divest any conflict stations to independent buyers if necessary, though given FCC chairman Ajit Pai's relaxed scrutiny on outsourcing agreements, it may also consider selling some to partner companies such as Cunningham Broadcastingand Deerfield Media. The sale dealt a competitive blow to 21st Century Fox – which briefly discussed submitting a joint bid for Tribune with The Blackstone Group – as the added scale would give Sinclair more leverage in reverse compensation negotiations for its Fox and MyNetworkTV affiliates, and would make the company the largest Fox affiliate operator by station count and market reach, with up to 52 affiliates (covering 28% of the U.S.). Media activism groups expressed concern over Sinclair's enlarged reach (particularly with regards to the conservative lean of its in-house syndicated news content), and suggested that FCC rule changes leading to the deal were part of a quid pro quo with President Donald Trump's administration due to Sinclair executive chair David Smith's prior meetings with Pai, and an arrangement set up by Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner that granted reporters from select Sinclair stations conditional access to interview then-President-elect Trump in the run-up to his January 20 inauguration.

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	With the Tribune purchase announcement, Sinclair Broadcast Group CEO Christopher Ripley revealed that the company would reposition WGN America (one of five networks, along with Antenna TV, Chicagoland Television, and partial interests in Food Network and This TV, that it will acquire from Tribune, joining Sinclair's five existing broadcast and cable networks) for "profitable growth" once it assumes ownership of the cable network, de-emphasizing high-end scripted series in favor of acquired programs and "cost-effective" originals on the basis that WGN's ratings do not justify its current original programming budget (Peter Kern – whose predecessor, Peter Liguori, spearheaded the former superstation's original programming efforts in 2014 to build viewership and expand its national distribution – signaled WGN America's shift away from scripted content after he took over as Tribune's interim president and CEO in March, when the network cancelled *Outsiders*). The statement immediately put into question the future of *Underground*, a slavery-era period drama that premiered in March 2016 and ended its second season on May 10 (WGN would officially announce the series' cancellation on May 30). Its production backer, Sony Pictures Television, will reportedly shop the series to other networks and streaming services (such as Hulu, which maintains a content deal with WGN America) for a third season pickup.[157][158][159]
9	Over a year after the reality competition had its final airing on Fox, ABC announces it has ordered a revival of *American Idol* to debut during the 2017-18 season. The long-running reality competition series, based on the British series *Pop Idol*, had previously aired on Fox from 2002 to 2016, spending most of its run as that network's highest-rated program as well as the highest-rated series on U.S. broadcast television from the 2003-04 season until the 2010-11 season.[160]
10	Morgan Murphy Media acquires CBS affiliate KOAM-TV/Pittsburg, Kansas and ABC primary affiliate KAVU/Victoria, Texas (including its CBS, NBC, and Univision subchannel/low-power TV outlets) from Saga Communications – which is exiting the television business to focus on its radio stations – in a $66.6 million deal. The transaction includes an option to acquire Surtsey Media-owned Fox affiliate KFJX/Joplin, Missouri and SagamoreHill Broadcasting-owned Fox affiliate KVCT, both of which are operated by Saga under local marketing agreements. Saga will use proceeds from the sale of the television assets to acquire Apex Media, a group which is in the process of selling their radio stations in Charleston and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.[161]
12	The Federal Communications Commission fines Vearl Pennington and Michael Williamson, operators of Morehead, Kentucky low-power television station W10BM, $144,344 for continuing to operate the station despite the 2004 cancellation of its license for failure to file for license renewal in 1998. In its Notice of Apparent Liability, the FCC noted that it had warned Pennington and Williamson that the continued unlicensed operation was against the

	law and ordered them to shut down the station, but that they had not done so.[162]
14	With the conclusion of the two-hour sixth season finale episode "The Final Battle," the ABC fantasy drama *Once Upon a Time* marks its final Sunday night 8PM (ET) timeslot airing after six seasons (the show's most frequent timeslot since it debuted in October 2011), moving to the Friday night 8PM (ET) timeslot starting October 6, and also marks the final appearances for six of the series' regulars. Jennifer Morrison (who plays Emma Swan) was the first to announce that she would be departing but has agreed to appear in at least one episode, although it is currently unclear to what capacity or episode she'll appear in,[163]followed by Rebecca Mader (Wicked Witch of the West / Zelena) after two seasons,[164] original cast members Ginnifer Goodwin (Snow White / Mary Margaret Blanchard), Josh Dallas (Prince Charming / David Nolan) and Jared Gilmore (Henry Mills), and Emilie de Ravin (Belle / Belle Gold) who joined in the second season.[165] As part of a soft reboot that will lead up to a new setting and storyline, the final moments of the episode shifted to the future, where an adult Henry Mills (played by new regular Andrew J. West) is asked by his daughter Lucy (new regular Alison Fernandez) to save their family after she escaped a nearly destroyed Enchanted Forest.[166]
21	The 2017 Billboard Music Awards air on ABC with Ludacris and Vanessa Hudgens as hosts.[167] Drake was the night's big winner with 13 awards, surpassing Adele's record (with 12 wins in 2012) for most wins in a single year.[168] The event also saw Miley Cyrus' comeback performance ("Malibu"), Celine Dion's tribute to the 20th anniversary of the film *Titanic* performing her signature song "My Heart Will Go On", and Cher being honored as the Icon Award winner (the former two of which, alongside South Korean group BTS winning the Top Social Artist award – the group's first live public appearance on an American music awards show, and the first K-pop artist to win that award – were among the show's most tweeted moments on social media).[169][170]
22	ABC's *The Bachelorette* begins its 13th season with Rachel Lindsay, an attorney, chosen to select a fiancée among 25 male suitors.[171] Lindsay, who was second runner-up on *The Bachelor*'s 21st season (on which she was still appearing when the announcement was made on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* on February 12, and was one of the few black contestants to reach the antepenultimate "Hometown Dates" round),[172] becomes the first African-American to serve as a lead in the *Bachelor*/*Bachelorette* franchise, which has been criticized in recent years over the lack of diversity with its contestants overall, and whose producers (Next Entertainment, NZK Productions and Warner Horizon Television) faced a discrimination lawsuit in 2012 by two Tennessee men whose applications were rejected by the program's producers, which was later dismissed on grounds that casting decisions were protected by the First Amendment.[173][174][175]
23	NFL running back Rashad Jennings (a free agent at the time, after having been released by

	the New York Giants in February) is crowned the winner of the 24th season of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. Jennings and his pro partner, Emma Slater, beat former Major League Baseball catcher David Ross and his partner, Lindsay Arnold, to win the show's Mirror Ball trophy.[176]
25	Millerton, Pennsylvania native Ryan Belz wins $31,500 by playing Plinko on CBS game show *The Price Is Right*, setting a new record for the highest winning amount in one of the show's most popular pricing games.[177] Belz, a Penn State University graduate and an aspiring TV meteorologist, said in an interview with TMZ that he credited his job at Target for helping him to win on the show by familiarizing him with prices for a wide variety of items.[178]
29	Almost five months after beginning local weather coverage, WPBI-LD/Lafayette, Indiana launches its news department with the debut of its weekday-only nightly newscast under the "Star City News" brand.[179][180] The newscasts, which presently broadcasts 7½ hours of local newscasts each week, air at 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. on NBC-affiliated subchannel, and at 10:00 p.m. on Fox-affiliated primary channel.[181][182] Additionally, radio tie-ins of the newscasts are also planned for Waypoint Media-owned sister stations WSHY, WBPE, WYCM, and WAZY-FM.[183]
31	CBS affiliate KFMB-TV affiliates its DT2 subchannel with The CW, assuming the network's San Diego affiliation from XETV-TDT, licensed across the Mexicanborder in Tijuana, Baja California (MeTV had earlier vacated KFMB-DT2 on May 1, moving to KGTV-DT2 and its sister station KZSD-LP); KFMB-DT2 also launches weekday morning, and weeknight-only 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. newscasts produced by its parent station, and displaces XETV from that station's existing channel slots on local cable and satellite providers. XETV concurrently becomes a full-time primary affiliate of Canal 5 (which had been carried on its DT2 subchannel since 2012), a move that ends its 63-year run as an English-language television station: it had served as an affiliate of ABC (1956-1973) and Fox(1986-2008), and as an independent during its tenure. XETV owner Televisa dissolved the American managerial licensee that ran its San Diego-based operations, Bay City Television, and had earlier (on March 31) closed the station's news department. The switch makes San Diego the largest U.S. market with a subchannel-only CW affiliate (superseding WKRC-DT2/Cincinnati) and the largest overall in which any of the five major networks maintains a subchannel-only affiliation.[184][185][186]
	CBS News confirms that Scott Pelley will exit as anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, nearly six years after he assumed the role from Katie Couric on June 6, 2011. Pelley – who will depart from the program following the June 16 edition – will remain full-time in his correspondent role at CBS' *60 Minutes*. Anthony Mason is designated as interim *Evening News* anchor.[187][188][189]

	CNN removes Kathy Griffin from its *New Year's Eve Live* broadcast following the release of images from a controversial photoshoot by photographer Tyler Shields, in which the comedienne is seen holding a decapitated, bloody head bearing a resemblance to President Donald Trump, an act which the network stated was "disgusting and offensive." Griffin had co-hosted the cable channel's New Years' Eve coverage from Times Square with Anderson Cooper since 2007.[190][191]

June

Date	Event
1	KCJO-LD/St. Joseph, Missouri – one of the three flagship stations owned by the locally based News-Press & Gazette Company – switches its network affiliation to CBS, becoming the network's first in-market affiliate in the area since 1967, when KQTV (then KFEQ-TV, which signed on as a CBS station in September 1953) switched to a full-time affiliation with ABC. The move, which also resulted in NPG moving KCJO's prior Telemundo affiliation to a newly activated digital subchannel of NBC affiliate KNPG-LD, displaced KCTV/Kansas City as the default CBS affiliate for the market. As NPG already controls the market's Fox, NBC and CW affiliations respectively through KBJO sisters KNPG and KNPN-LD, the switch left MyNetworkTV as the only conventional English language broadcast network available in the St. Joseph area through a Kansas City-based station (KCTV's MyNetworkTV-affiliated sister station, KSMO-TV, is receivable over-the-air and is also carried on Suddenlink, Dish Network and DirecTV in the St. Joseph market).[192][193][194]
	Just moments after President Donald Trump announced that he would withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris Climate Accord, the fallout saw one of the supporters of this initiative, The Walt Disney Company Chairman Bob Iger, resigning from his advisory councils.[195] The Weather Channel and National Geographic also respond to Trump's decision by turning their webpages into protest sites highlighting the dangers of climate change and disputing Trump's claims about it not being real.[196]
2	In a live interview during HBO's *Real Time*, host Bill Maher and guest Senator Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) discuss the boundaries between adolescence and maturity, at which point Sasse remarks about having Maher "work in the fields" of Nebraska. Maher replies by describing himself as a "house nigger." Maher utters the racial slur in jest (the conversation had turned by that point to adults in California who dress up for Halloween), but his remark is quickly condemned by HBO, who calls it "completely inexcusable and tasteless" and edited it out of repeats of the episode aired on its linear and streaming services. With several calls for his firing from HBO, Maker would express regret at his choice of words in the interview.[197][198]

6	Production on the fourth season of ABC's reality dating series *Bachelor in Paradise* is suspended, after producers lodged allegations of sexual misconduct against DeMario Jackson (who originally appeared in season 13 of *The Bachelorette*), who, on the first day of filming, was alleged to have engaged in a sexual encounter with Corinne Olympios, who alleges that she was too inebriated to give consent (most news outlets initially withheld *The Bachelor* season 21contestant's identity as the accuser in reports, prior to Olympios obtaining attorney Marty Singer as her legal counsel). All of the initial contestants were sent home from the Sayulita, Mexico resort set to the U.S. on June 11.[199][200][201][202] The incident placed doubt on whether the *Bachelor* spinoff would continue for its planned summer 2017 season, if at all; though, in separate statements, show host/executive producer Chris Harrison and ABC Entertainment president Channing Dungey said that Warner would evaluate whether production will resume pending the investigation's outcome.[203][204][205] On June 20, Warner Horizon Television, the show's production company, disclosed that an investigation launched upon the discovery that the incident was filmed by one of the show's camera crews had yielded no evidence of misconduct, and that filming will resume (it is unknown whether the season will debut on August 8 as scheduled); Singer said that an independent investigation on the accusations would be conducted.[206][207]
14	In the wake of mass shootings in Virginia and San Francisco, NBC pulls an episode of *The Carmichael Show*, titled "Shoot-Up-Able," from its schedule due to a similar story line involving the mass shootings (which saw Jerrod Carmichael's eponymous fictional character surviving a mass shooting physically unharmed but psychologically scarred), and replaces it with another episode, "Lesbian Wedding." That same day, Carmichael appeared on the Netflix talk show *Chelsea*, which was filmed after the shootings but before NBC had made the final decision to pull the episode. Carmichael told host Chelsea Handler that he hoped NBC would not pull "Shoot-Up-Able," and that doing so would be a "disservice" to viewers. The episode (which was rescheduled to air 2 weeks later, on June 28) was not centered around political discussions such as gun control, but Carmichael and his family afterward.[208][209][210]
15	The District of Columbia Court of Appeals denies an emergency stay motion that was filed by The Institute for Public Representation on behalf of a coalition of public interest groups (including among others, Free Press, the United Church of Christ, the Prometheus Radio Project, the National Hispanic Media Coalitionand Common Cause) on May 15, to block the FCC's restoration of the UHF discount, which counts the total market reach of UHF stations toward the nationwide ownership cap.[211] Had a permanent stay motion been granted, it would have placed a roadblock for Sinclair Broadcast Group's acquisition of Tribune Media. Prior to the initial administrative stay on June 1, the FCC and the National Association of Broadcasters asked the D.C. Court of Appeals to not issue the proposed motion on grounds that the plaintiffs did not provide sufficient basis for the stay. The groups which filed the motion argued that there was no longer any technical logic for the UHF discount to be restored (as UHF digital stations have typically maintained better signal quality compared to UHF transmissions in analog) and would trigger a wave of mergers and acquisitions in the

	broadcast television industry that would result in fewer diverse station owners. A lawsuit filed by the public interest groups to determine whether the UHF discount can remain in place remains subject to a pending court proceeding.[212][213][214][215][216][217]
	Citing her busy schedule, which includes three shows (series regular on *Criminal Minds*, host of The CW's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, and as a voice talent on FXX's *Archer*) and a directorial debut for the film *Axis*, as her reason, Aisha Tyler announces that she will leave *The Talk* after six seasons following the completion of its current seventh season run (which will wrap up on August 4). Tyler, who joined the CBS daytime talk show during its second season alongside Sheryl Underwood, said she would return as a guest host and to promote her various projects.[218][219][220]
18	The NBC newsmagazine *Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly* airs a segment profiling broadcaster/blogger Alex Jones (founder of the conservative news website InfoWars).[221] The segment drew volumes of controversy prior to the broadcast over fears that host Megyn Kelly's interview with Jones would give a less-than-critical platform for Jones' alt-right views and the various conspiracy claims he promotes, most notably the charge that the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut was a hoax with actors portraying victims. Out of respect for the victim's families, NBC's Connecticut O&O, WVIT/New Britain, pre-empted the broadcast (episodes of *George to the Rescue*, a home improvement series produced by New York City sister station WNBC, aired in its place). The network's decision to air the interview led JPMorgan Chase & Co. to pull its ads from the program through that night's edition, while the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation dropped Kelly as host of an upcoming charity gala. Jones claimed that NBC would edit the interview to show him in a less-than-flattering light.[222][223][224]
19	The Comcast-owned network Syfy adopts a new logo and imaging, as well as stylized capitalization of the channel's name and slogan, "It's a Fan Thing", in honor of its 25th anniversary. The new branding (which unveiled on May 11, four days prior to NBCUniversal's upfront presentation) will aim to re-position the channel back towards targeting fans of the fantasy and science fiction genres. NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment Group President of Entertainment Networks and network head Chris McCumber explained that the new logo was meant be a "badge" that could be used across its array of programming. Syfy also planned to place a larger focus on its genre news division Syfy Wire, disclosing the possibility of extending the website to television as well.[225][226][227]
20	In separate deals, Ion Media Networks announces the purchase of three Ion Television-affiliated television stations in Missouri, South Carolina, and Idaho, which – if the transactions receive approval by the FCC and Department of Justice – would expand Ion's portfolio to 63 owned-and-operated television stationsin 58 markets (including in 24 of the 25 largest U.S. markets; the purchase prices were not initially disclosed. Ion will acquire WRBU/East St.

	Louis, Illinois-St. Louis and WZRB/Columbia from a trust overseen by former LIN Media CEO Gary Chapman to which Ion Media Networks was the beneficiary; the trust had cancelled a stalled 2015 purchase by Cedar Creek Broadcasting (an arm of Northwest Broadcasting, controlled by its CEO, Brian Brady) on May 9. Separately, Ion will also buy KTRV-TV/Boise – which became an Ion affiliate in September 2016 – from Block Communications.[228][229][230]
22	CBS Television Stations reaches a 10-year exclusive partnership with ReachMe.TV that will put CBS programming on the latter's upcoming in-airport mobile entertainment network. The deal (with its content appearing on thousands of screens in the top 50 airports in the U.S. and Canada, with a reach of more than 70 million viewers a month) will provide entertainment, news and sports programming, including local news, weather and sports reports provided by CBS TV Stations; programming from other divisions of CBS Corporation including digital news service CBSN; and film and TV highlight packages from CBS Television Distribution-produced syndicated entertainment news program *Entertainment Tonight*. In addition, CBS TV Stations will also exclusively manage advertising sales for the said venture.[231]
25	John Oliver announces his show *Last Week Tonight* that he has been sued by coal mining company CEO Robert E. Murray of Murray Energy Corporation. Oliver had received a cease and desist letter asking him to stop making negative comments about the company (specifically the controversial 2007 Crandall Canyon Mine disaster) from Murray's attorney the week before, but continued to do so. Oliver was later told by his attorneys not to discuss the lawsuit publicly while the case is pending, advice he is following.[232]
	For the first time ever, the family of comedian and host Steve Harvey competes in an episode of *Celebrity Family Feud* (the ABC game show is a spin-off of the syndicated *Family Feud*, which also hosted by Harvey).[233]
26	Three CNN journalists, Thomas Frank, Eric Lichtblau, and Lex Haris, resign after the publication of a Russia-related article involving President Donald Trumpthat was later retracted. [234]
29	President Donald Trump begins posting tweets that take swipes at the news media for perceived biases against him. The first status is directed at *Morning Joe*personality Mika Brzezinski, in which the President called her "low I.Q. Crazy Mika" and falsely asserted that she was "bleeding badly from a face-lift".[235][236][237] Brzezinski and Joe Scarborough, her fiancé and *Morning Joe* co-host, then accused The White House of threatening to blackmail them with an expose in a tabloid magazine unless the pair apologized publicly to the President.[238] Three days later, Trump published an old video from WrestleMania in which the CNN logo is superimposed over the head of Vince McMahon whom Trump is punching with the tagline

	"Fraud News Network." Both tweets cause concern among journalism advocates, who fear the President is inciting violence against the press. The person who made the image that Trump used immediately apologized and deleted his accounts saying that he did not want to incite or inspire violence against the media.[239]
30	Just a week ahead of production that was about to start on *Hawaii Five-0's* eighth season, it was announced that series regulars Daniel Dae Kim (who plays Detective Lieutenant Chin Ho Kelly) and Grace Park (who plays Chin Ho's cousin, Officer Kono Kalakaua) would be departing due to a salary dispute with CBS. Kim and Park had been seeking pay equality with co-stars Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan, but did not reach satisfactory deals with CBS Television Studios. CBS's final offer to Kim and Park was 10-15% lower than what O'Loughlin and Caan make in salary. An update of their characters (Chin Ho taking a job with the San Francisco Police Department; Kono investigating a pornography ring in Reno in the seventh season finale) would be given in the first episode of the new season.[240]
	Olivia de Havilland sues the producers of the FX series *Feud*, and the channel itself, over what she says is an inaccurate portrayal of her in the series that focuses on the relationship of Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, causing damage to her reputation. The charges include common law right of publicity, invasion of privacy and unjust enrichment. She is asking the court for not only damages but also any profits gained from the use of her likeness and an injunction to keep FX from continuing to use her name and likeness.[241]
	After a 40-year career as reporter and anchor, including a 25-year tenure as anchorwoman for KUSA-TV/Denver, Adele Arakawa retires from the Tegna-owned NBC affiliate.[242][243]

July

Date	Event
1	NBC launches a new Telemundo owned-and-operated station in the San Diego market (on KNSD's digital 39.20 subchannel) that will replace Entravision's XHAS-TDT (licensed in Tijuana). XHAS becomes an affiliate of the American Azteca network, owned by Mexican conglomerate Azteca S.A. de C.V. (the parent of Tijuana's Azteca Trece affiliate XHJK-TDT and Azteca 7 transmitter XHTIT-TDT), displacing the market's existing low-power Azteca affiliate KZSD-LP. With this switch as well as The CW's migration from XETV-TDT to KFMB-DT2, the move results in Tijuana-based MyNetworkTV affiliate XHDTV-TDTbecoming the last remaining Mexican-licensed station to serve the San Diego market to be affiliated with one of the major English or Spanish language networks.[244][245][246][247][248]

	KidsClick, a multiplatform syndicated children's programming block, launches. The three-hour lineup of long-form and short-form animated content airs weekday and weekend mornings, primarily on CW- and MyNetworkTV-affiliated and independent stations operated by Sinclair Broadcast Group in several markets, and nationally on This TV. It also encompasses a website and mobile apps featuring a library of animated children's series from the block's content providers. KidsClick is the first conventional children's program block to air on American English-language commercial television since the discontinuance of NBC Kids in September 2016, which relegated traditional animated content on broadcast television to non-commercial broadcasters (such as PBS and the Trinity Broadcasting Network), and the first not to be E/I compliant since Vortexx was discontinued by The CW in September 2014.[249][250][251][252][253]
	Nexstar-owned Hagerstown, Maryland independent station WHAG-TV changes their call letters to WDVM-TV (for "West Virginia", "District of Columbia", "Virginia" and "Maryland"), returning call letters which had been used by the current day WUSA from 1979 until 1986 to the Washington, D.C. market the new WDVM-TV is a part of. The station had ended their affiliation with NBC the year before intentionally (and ended in-market competition with NBC's Washington owned station WRC-TV and Baltimore affiliate WBAL-TV) and has expanded their coverage throughout the Washington market through deals to be carried on cable, satellite and telco services, along with expanding their local news coverage from solely the smaller market of western Maryland and south central Pennsylvania to the larger Washington region.[254]
	Waypoint Media-owned WPBY-CD in Lafayette, Indiana signs on the air, giving the Lafayette market, not only its first full-time ABC affiliate, but also the group’s third new station in less than a year since Fox-primary/NBC-subchannel affiliate WPBI-LD signed on in October 2016. Prior to the sign-on, WRTV/Indianapolisserved as the default ABC affiliate for the Lafayette area. WPBY's launch leaves The CW and MyNetworkTV as the only two networks available in the Lafayette area through their stations in Indianapolis (their respective affiliates for that market, WISH-TV and WNDY-TV, are viewable over-the-air and carried on Comcast, Dish Network, and DirecTV in Lafayette).[255]
3	Maria Menounos announced that she has stepped down as co-host of *E! News* after three years to battle a ongoing brain tumor, as well as helping her mother's battle with stage 4 brain cancer.[256][257][258]
	As part of an ongoing investigation into sexual harassment at 21st Century Fox, Jamie Horowitz is ousted from his position as chief of programming for the Fox Sports division. The decision comes after several women were interviewed regarding their interactions with him. Before joining Fox Sports, Horowitz worked for *Today* and ESPN.[259]

6	Liberty Interactive, parent company of QVC, announces that it will acquire the 62% stock interest in Home Shopping Network parent HSN, Inc. that it did not already own for $40.36 per share (a value of $2.1 billion). After the deal is finalized, which is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2017 pending regulatory approval, Liberty will spin off its cable television operations into an independent company to be named QVC Group, which will be headed by QVC CEO Mike George, but will repurchase common stock in the new company. The combination of the two pioneer home shopping channels – which will continue to operate independently – is designed to improve their respective e-commerce operations, reduce costs and provide marketing opportunities, as well as to compete with online shopping services such as Amazon.[260][261][262] In addition to QVC, HSN and their respective sister channels (HSN2, QVC2 and BeautyiQ), the company's holdings will include shopping website Zulily and HSN's Cornerstone lifestyle brands unit.[263][264]
	Fox Business Network announced that it has suspended anchor Charles Payne over sexual harassment allegations made against him after a investigative story appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* about a three-year “romantic relationship” Payne had with a married female political analyst who frequently appeared on Fox Business Network and Fox News Channel from 2013 to 2016, which in turn led to a investigation into the matter after the woman contacted a lawyer upon discovering that she was banned from Fox after she ended the affair as she believed Payne would help her chances of landing a position at the network, but instead saw her appearances on both FBN and FNC reduced as retaliation when she went to then-Fox News executive Bill Shine before his firing in May. Payne admitted to the extramarital affair in a statement to the *National Enquirer* published on July 5 that included an apology to his wife, children and friends, this after having denied the claims prior to the suspension.[265]
7	Savannah Guthrie celebrates her fifth anniversary as an anchor of *Today*, which featured a look back at some of her most memorable moments on the show (including her breaking news coverage reports, funniest moments and celebrity interviews). Guthrie, who joined the NBC morning news/talk show as co-host of the third hour (a precursor to the current *Today's Take* segment) and chief legal correspondent in June 2011 following Meredith Vieira's departure, became the show's anchor in July 2012 when Ann Curry stepped down to become a correspondent and anchor-at-large at NBC News (which she remained until early 2015).[266][267]
11	Just one year after he fled to Kentucky to avoid arrest on a child rape that allegedly occurred in Nashville back in 2004 (The alleged victim is a female family member), followed by a lengthy and delayed trial,[268] which in turn led to TLC to cancel the reality series *The Willis Family* (along with social media accounts being deleted or terminated) in 2016, patriarch and musician Toby Willis pleads guilty to four counts of child rape. Cheatham County, Tennessee Circuit Court Clerk Julie Hibbs confirmed that Willis received two 25-year sentences on two counts and two 40-year sentences on the other two. Those sentences will

	be concurrent, and served at 100 percent, giving Willis a total of 40 years in prison.[269]

Future events

July

Date	Event
14	NBC flagship O&O WNBC/New York City anchor Chuck Scarborough will step down as the anchor of the 11:00 p.m. newscast on this date. Scarborough, who has been the station's main anchor since he joined in 1974 (most notably, his team-up with former anchor Sue Simmons from 1980 to 2012) and will continue to anchor the 6 p.m. newscast afterwards, will be succeeded by 4 p.m. anchor Stefan Holt (son of *NBC Nightly News* anchor Lester Holt) on the station's late night newscast beginning July 17.[270]
17	MyNetworkTV O&O WDCA/Washington D.C. will rebrand as "Fox 5 Plus". The station's rebranding comes after Fox Television Stations' April 17 announcement that it will launch a new 8:00 p.m. primetime newscast produced by Fox owned-and-operated sister station WTTG, and will continue to air its current lineup of MyNetworkTV and syndicated programming to provide better name recognition with the latter sister station (the moniker change follows the May 2016 rebranding of San Francisco sister station KICU-TV, which rebranded as "KTVU Plus," in a similar tie to its Fox O&O duopoly partner KTVU).[271]
24	Fusion is expected to change their website's branding and rename their online presence as "Splinter".[272]

August

Date	Event
27	The 2017 MTV Video Music Awards will air on MTV.[273]

September

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Date	Event
11	Just six years after he was dropped for making comments in which he compared then-President Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler during an interview on Fox News Channel's *Fox & Friends* (in reference to a golf outing that Obama went on with then-Speaker of the House John Boehner), ESPN will bring Hank Williams, Jr. back to *Monday Night Football* and reinstate his 1984 signature song "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight" as its theme song, this time as a collaboration with country duo Florida Georgia Line and R&B singer Jason Derulo. The song, also known as "All My Rowdy Friends Are Here on Monday Night" since it was first used on the program in 1989 (during *MNF*'s run on sister network ABC), will return "Heavy Action" to being the show's second main theme, itself having been in use since 1975.[274][275] Meanwhile, Beth Mowins will become the first woman to serve as a play-by-play announcer on a nationally televised NFL game when she calls the Chargers-Broncos *MNF* contest in Denver, and just the second woman ever to do NFL play-by-play (Gayle Sierens, longtime anchor at WFLA-TV/Tampa from 1977 to 2015, accomplished the feat first on a regional NBC telecast in 1987).[276]
17	The 69th Primetime Emmy Awards will air on CBS with Stephen Colbert as host.[277]
24	*Star Trek* returns to television on CBS All Access with the premiere of a new *Star Trek* series, subtitled *Discovery*. This ends the absence of a first-run *Star Trek* series on television since *Enterprise* was cancelled by UPN in 2005.[278]
28	NBC will return the *Must See TV* branding for the first time in three years with the premiere of returning comedies (*Superstore*, *The Good Place*, *Will & Grace*, and *Great News*) and drama *Chicago Fire*.[279]

October

Date	Event

November

Date	Event

8	The 51st Country Music Association Awards will air on ABC with Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood as hosts for the tenth consecutive year.[280]

December

Date	Event

Television programs

Programs debuting in 2017

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These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2017. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
January 1	*The Mick*	Fox	[281]
	Ransom	CBS	[282]
January 2	*My Knight and Me*	Cartoon Network	[283]
	Beyond	Freeform	[citation needed]
January 6	*Emerald City*	NBC	[284]
	One Day at a Time	Netflix	[285]
January 7	*Dragon Ball Super*	Adult Swim	[286]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Mobile Suit Gundam Unicorn RE:0096		[citation needed]
January 9	*Big Fan*	ABC	[287]
January 10	*Taboo*	FX	[288]
January 12	*My Kitchen Rules*	Fox	[289]
January 13	*A Series of Unfortunate Events*	Netflix	[290]
January 15	*Victoria*	PBS	[291]
	The Young Pope	HBO	[292]
	Mickey and the Roadster Racers	Disney Channel/Disney Junior	[293]
	First Family of Hip Hop	Bravo	[citation needed]
January 16	*Meet the Putnams*	TLC	[294]
	Summer House	Bravo	[citation needed]
January 22	*Hunted*	CBS	[282]
January 26	*Riverdale*	The CW	[295]
February 1	*The Quad*	BET	[citation needed]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
February 2	*Powerless*	NBC	[296]
	Training Day	CBS	[282]
February 3	*Santa Clarita Diet*	Netflix	[297]
February 5	*24: Legacy*	Fox	[298]
February 6	*APB*		[289]
	Nella the Princess Knight	Nickelodeon	[299]
February 7	*Imposters*	Bravo	[*citation needed*]
February 8	*Legion*	FX	[300]
February 15	*Doubt*	CBS	[282]
February 19	*Big Little Lies*	HBO	[301]
	Crashing		[302]
	The Good Fight	CBS / CBS All Access	[303]
February 20	*The Breaks*	VH1	[*citation needed*]
February 21	*Bunsen Is a Beast!*	Nickelodeon	[304]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
February 23	*The Blacklist: Redemption*	NBC	[296]
February 27	*Taken*		
March 1	*The Deed*	CNBC	[305]
	Chicago Justice	NBC	[296]
March 5	*Time After Time*	ABC	[306]
March 6	*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*	Cartoon Network	[307]
March 10	*Buddy Thunderstruck*	Netflix	[308]
March 13	*Hunter Street*	Nickelodeon	[309]
March 14	*Trial & Error*	NBC	[296]
March 17	*Iron Fist*	Netflix	[310]
	Julie's Greenroom		[311]
March 20	*Sweet Home Oklahoma*	Bravo	[citation needed]
	The Twins: Happily Ever After?	Freeform	[citation needed]
March 24	*Tangled: The Series*	Disney Channel	[312]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
March 28	*Rebel*	BET	[citation needed]
March 29	*Imaginary Mary*	ABC	[313]
March 31	*13 Reasons Why*	Netflix	[314]
April 5	*Brockmire*	IFC	[315]
April 7	*Andi Mack*	Disney Channel	[316]
	First Dates	NBC	[317]
	The Toy Box	ABC	[318]
	You the Jury	Fox	[319]
April 8	*The Son*	AMC	[320]
April 10	*Ben 10*	Cartoon Network	[321]
April 14	*Puppy Dog Pals*	Disney Channel/Disney Junior	[citation needed]
April 15	*Class*	BBC America	[citation needed]
April 18	*Famous in Love*	Freeform	[322]
April 21	*Bill Nye Saves the World*	Netflix	[323]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Girlboss		[324]
April 25	*Great News*	NBC	[296]
	Genius	National Geographic Channel	[citation needed]
April 27	*The President Show*	Comedy Central	[325]
April 28	*Dear White People*	Netflix	[326]
April 30	*American Gods*	Starz	[327]
May 1	*The Fox News Specialists*	Fox News Channel	[328]
May 2	*Truth & Iliza*	Freeform	[citation needed]
May 4	*Second Wives Club*	E!	[citation needed]
May 8	*Southern Charm Savannah*	Bravo	[citation needed]
May 14	*Invite Only Cabo*		[citation needed]
May 17	*Downward Dog*	ABC	[329]
May 25	*Beat Shazam*	Fox	[330]
	Cyrus vs. Cyrus: Design and Conquer	Bravo	[citation needed]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
May 29	*Still Star-Crossed*	ABC	[331]
May 30	*World of Dance*	NBC	[332]
May 31	*The F Word*	Fox	[330]
June 3	*Billy Dilley's Super-Duper Subterranean Summer*	Disney XD	[citation needed]
June 4	*I'm Dying Up Here*	Showtime	[333]
	The Next Revolution	Fox News Channel	[334]
	Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly	NBC	[335]
June 5	*Daytime Divas*	VH1	[citation needed]
June 6	*The Jim Jefferies Show*	Comedy Central	[336]
June 11	*Steve Harvey's Funderdome*	ABC	[331]
	Claws	TNT	[citation needed]
June 12	*Superhuman*	Fox	[330]
	MTV Live	MTV	[citation needed]
June 14	*Blood Drive*	Syfy	[citation needed]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Emogenius	GSN	[citation needed]
June 21	*Little Big Shots: Forever Young*	NBC	[332]
June 22	*The Mist*	Spike	[citation needed]
	Boy Band	ABC	[331]
June 23	*G.L.O.W.*	Netflix	[337]
June 25	*Hotel Transylvania: The Television Series*	Disney Channel	[338]
June 27	*Tales*	BET	[citation needed]
June 28	*Hood Adjacent with James Davis*	Comedy Central	[338]
June 29	*Morning Dose*	First-run syndication (exclusive to select CW and MyNetworkTV stations owned by Tribune Broadcasting)	[339]
July 5	*Snowfall*	FX	[338]
July 6	*Real Estate Wars*	Bravo	[citation needed]
July 9	*Apollo Gauntlet*	Adult Swim	[citation needed]
	Candy Crush	CBS	[340]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
July 10	*Will*	TNT	[338]
July 11	*The Bold Type*	Freeform	[*citation needed*]
July 12	*I'm Sorry*	TruTV	[336]
	Salvation	CBS	[340]
July 13	*Hooten & the Lady*	The CW	[341]
July 14	*Friends from College*	Netflix	[338]
July 17	*Loaded*	AMC	[338]
July 21	*Ozark*	Netflix	[338]
	Raven's Home	Disney Channel	[*citation needed*]
July 24	*Midnight, Texas*	NBC	[332]
	Somewhere Between	ABC	[331]
	Welcome to the Wayne	Nickelodeon	[*citation needed*]
July 28	*The Last Tycoon*	Amazon Video	[342]
	Room 104	HBO	[343]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
July 31	*CBSN: On Assignment*	CBS / CBSN	[344]
August 1	*OK K.O.! Let's Be Heroes*	Cartoon Network	[citation needed]
August 2	*The Sinner*	USA Network	[338]
August 3	*The Guest Book*	TBS	[345]
	What Would Diplo Do?	Viceland	[336]
August 11	*Atypical*	Netflix	[citation needed]
August 13	*Get Shorty*	Epix	[336]
August 16	*Marlon*	NBC	[332]
August 21	*Sunny Day*	Nickelodeon	[citation needed]
August 25	*Disjointed*	Netflix	[338]
	The Tick	Amazon Video	[338]
Summer	*The Jellies*	Adult Swim	[citation needed]
September 24	*Star Trek: Discovery*	CBS / CBS All Access	[346]
September	*Me, Myself & I*	CBS	[347]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
25	*The Brave*	NBC	[citation needed]
September 26	*Law & Order True Crime*	NBC	[348]
September 27	*SEAL Team*	CBS	[349]
September 28	*The Orville*	FOX	[citation needed]
September 29	*Inhumans*	ABC	[350]
September	*DailyMailTV*	First-run syndication	[351]
	Steve		[352]
October	*Damnation*	USA Network	[citation needed]
October 1	*Wisdom of the Crowd*	CBS	[citation needed]
	Ghosted	FOX	[citation needed]
October 2	*9JKL*	CBS	[citation needed]
	The Gifted	FOX	[citation needed]
October 9	*Valor*	The CW	[citation needed]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
October 11	*Dynasty*	The CW	[citation needed]
November 2	*Young Sheldon*	CBS	[citation needed]
	S.W.A.T.	CBS	[citation needed]
Fall	*Hot Streets*	Adult Swim	[citation needed]
TBA	*FLCL*		[citation needed]
	Britannia	Amazon Video	[353]
	Jean-Claude Van Johnson		[citation needed]
	Philip K. Dick's Electric Dreams		[citation needed]
	The Terror	AMC	[354]
	Stripped	Bravo	[citation needed]
	Big Hero 6	Disney XD	[355]
	Marvel's Spider-Man		[356]
	The Magic School Bus 360°	Netflix	[357]
	The Punisher		[358]

First aired	Show	Channel	Source
	Stretch Armstrong		[359]
	True and the Rainbow Kingdom		[360]
	Lip Sync Battle Shorties	Nickelodeon	[citation needed]
	I Am Frankie		[citation needed]
	Ghost Wars	Syfy	[citation needed]
	The Last O.G.	TBS	[citation needed]
	Ricky Martin Project	VH1	[citation needed]
	90's House		[citation needed]
	Baller Wives		[citation needed]
	Scared Famous		[citation needed]
	Love & Hip-Hop: Miami		[citation needed]
	Black Ink Crew: Atlanta		[citation needed]
	Queens of Trap		[citation needed]

Miniseries debuting in 2017

First aired	Title	Channel	Source

January 24	*The New Edition Story*	BET	[citation needed]
February 1	*Madiba*		[citation needed]
February 27	*When We Rise*	ABC	[306]
April 16	*The White Princess*	Starz	[citation needed]
August 9	*The Story of Diana*	ABC	[331]
August 18	*The Defenders*	Netflix	[336]

Television films and specials

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
February 7	*Michael Bolton's Big, Sexy Valentine's Day Special*	Netflix	[361]
March 31	*The Discovery*		[362]
April 7	*Win It All*		[363]
April 28	*Casting JonBenet*		[364]
May 7	*The Last 100 Days of Diana*	ABC	[365]
May 24	*Dirty Dancing*		[366]

May 26	*War Machine*	Netflix	[367]
June 4	*Ariana Grande*'s *One Love Manchester Benefit Concert Live*	ABC/Freeform	[368]
July 21	*Descendants 2*	Disney Channel	[369]
November	*Hey Arnold!: The Jungle Movie*	Nickelodeon	[370]
December	*Bye Bye Birdie Live!*	NBC	[371]
TBA	*A Few Good Men Live!*		[372]

Programs changing networks in 2017

Show	Moved from	Moved to	Source
Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee	Crackle	Netflix	[373]
Nashville	ABC	CMT	[374]
Pokémon	Cartoon Network	Disney XD	[375]
Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir	Nickelodeon	Netflix	[376]
The Fairly OddParents		Nicktoons	[377]
Harvey Beaks			[378]
Pig Goat Banana Cricket			[*citation needed*]

Archer	FX	FXX	[379]
Dino Dan	Nick Jr.	Amazon Video	[380]
The Chris Gethard Show	Fusion	TruTV	[338]
The Dude Perfect Show	CMT	Nickelodeon	

Programs returning in 2017

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Source
The Celebrity Apprentice	2015	NBC	*same*	January 2	[381]
Samurai Jack	2004	Cartoon Network	Adult Swim	March 11	[382]
Prison Break	2009	Fox	*same*	April 4	[383]
Mystery Science Theater 3000	1999	Syfy	Netflix	April 14	[384]
My Super Sweet 16	2008	MTV	*same*	May 14	[*citation needed*]
Twin Peaks	1991	ABC	Showtime	May 21	[385]
Love Connection	1999	Syndication	Fox	May 25	[330]

The Gong Show	1989		ABC	June 22	[386]
Battle of the Network Stars	1988	ABC	*same*	June 29	[387]
Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday	2012	NBC	*same*	August 10	[388]
DuckTales	1990	Syndication	Disney XD	August 12	[389]
Will & Grace	2006	NBC	*same*	September 28	[390]
Dynasty	1989	ABC	The CW	October 11	[391]
Angelina Ballerina	2010	PBS Kids	*same*	TBA	[392]
Barney & Friends	2009				[393]
Cyberchase	2015				[394]
Young Justice	2013	Cartoon Network	TBA		[395]

Milestone episodes in 2017

Show	Network	Episode #	Episode title	Episode air date	Source
Days of Our Lives	NBC	13,000th	"episode 13,000"	January 10	[396]
America's Funniest	ABC	600th	N/A	January 15	[397]

Home Videos					
Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	NBC	400th	"Motherly Love"	February 8	[398]
SpongeBob SquarePants	Nickelodeon	200th	"Goodbye, Krabby Patty?"	February 20	[citation needed]
Survivor	CBS	500th	"The Stakes Have Been Raised"	March 8	[399]
Love Thy Neighbor	OWN	100th	"Digging The Hole Deeper"	March 11	[citation needed]
Dancing with the Stars	ABC	400th	"First Dances/400th Episode Week"	March 20	[400]
Scandal		100th	"The Decision"	April 13	[401]
Last Week Tonight with John Oliver	HBO		N/A	May 7	[402]
Clarence	Cartoon Network		"Clarence's Stormy Sleepover Episode 6: Flood Brothers"	June 5	[citation needed]
Nashville	CMT		"(Now and Then There's) A Fool Such as I"	June 15	[403]
Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	VH1		"Reality Bites"	June 19	[citation needed]
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy	NBC	700th	"Pharrell Williams/Chris	June 26	[citation needed]

Fallon			Coffer/Vince Staples"		
Suits	USA Network	100th	"Skin In The Game"	August 30	

Programs ending in 2017

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source
January 2	*Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*	Disney XD	2015	Canceled	[404]
January 6	*The Kelly File*	Fox News Channel	2013		[405]
January 7	*Ultimate Spider-Man*	Disney XD	2012	Ended	[356]
January 16	*Regular Show*	Cartoon Network	2010		[406]
January 17	*No Tomorrow*	The CW	2016	Canceled	[407]
January 20	*Girl Meets World*	Disney Channel	2014		[408]
	Salem	WGN America			[409]
January 25	*Incorporated*	Syfy	2016		[410]
	Frequency	The CW			[407]
January 26	*Pure Genius*	CBS			[411]
January 29	*Conviction*	ABC			[412]

January 30	*The Odd Couple*	CBS	2015		[413][414]
February 19	*Son of Zorn*	Fox	2016		[415]
February 20	*Dinosaur Train*	PBS Kids	2009		[citation needed]
February 22	*Doubt*	CBS	2017		[416]
	Fox Sports Live	FS1	2013		[417]
	Garbage Time with Katie Nolan		2015		[417]
February 28	*Celebrity Name Game*	Syndication	2014		[418]
March 3	*Emerald City*	NBC	2017		[419]
March 8	*Man Seeking Woman*	FXX	2015		[420]
March 10	*The Vampire Diaries*	The CW	2009	Ended	[421]
March 14	*The Real O'Neals*	ABC	2016	Canceled	[422]
March 15	*Workaholics*	Comedy Central	2011	Ended	[423]
March 24	*Liv and Maddie*	Disney Channel	2013		[424]
March 26	*Time After Time*	ABC	2017	Canceled	[425]

March 28	*Bones*	Fox	2005	Ended	[426]
March 29	*Duck Dynasty*	A&E	2012		[427]
March 30	*Review*	Comedy Central	2014		[428]
March 31	*Dr. Ken*	ABC	2015	Canceled	[422]
	Grimm	NBC	2011	Ended	[429]
	Sleepy Hollow	Fox	2013	Canceled	[430]
	Last Man Standing	ABC	2011		[431]
April 2	*Black Sails*	Starz	2014	Ended	[432]
April 11	*Switched at Birth*	Freeform	2011		[433]
April 13	*The Blacklist: Redemption*	NBC	2017	Canceled	[434]
April 14	*You the Jury*	Fox			[435]
April 16	*Girls*	HBO	2012	Ended	[436]
April 17	*2 Broke Girls*	CBS	2011	Canceled	[437]
	24: Legacy	Fox	2017		[438]
April 20	*Powerless*	NBC			[439]

April 21	*The O'Reilly Factor*	Fox News Channel	1996		[113]
April 24	*APB*	Fox	2017		[440]
	Bates Motel	A&E	2013	Ended	[441]
April 25	*Outsiders*	WGN America	2016	Canceled	[442]
April 28	*Rosewood*	Fox	2015		[443]
April 30	*60 Minutes Sports*	Showtime	2013		[444]
	American Crime	ABC	2015		[422]
May 8	*The Great Indoors*	CBS	2016		[445]
May 10	*Underground*	WGN America			[159]
May 11	*The Catch*	ABC			[422]
May 14	*Chicago Justice*	NBC	2017		[446]
May 17	*Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders*	CBS	2016		[447]
May 20	*Samurai Jack*	Adult Swim	2001	Ended	[448]
	Training Day	CBS	2017	Canceled	[449]
May 21	*Making History*	Fox			[450]

May 22	*Baby Daddy*	Freeform	2012	Ended	[451]
May 26	*Bloodline*	Netflix	2015	Canceled	[452]
May 30	*Imaginary Mary*	ABC	2017	Canceled	[422]
June 4	*The Leftovers*	HBO	2014	Ended	[453]
June 16	*Reign*	The CW	2013	Ended	[454]
June 27	*Pretty Little Liars*	Freeform	2010	Ended	[455]
June 28	*EyeOpener*	First-run syndication (exclusive to select CW and MyNetworkTV stations owned by Tribune Broadcasting)	2011	Canceled	[339]
June 30	*Steve Harvey*	Syndication	2012	Ended	[456]
June 30	*Uncle Grandpa*	Cartoon Network	2013	Canceled	[457]
July 28	*Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero*	Disney XD	2014	Canceled	[458]
August 2	*Kingdom*	Audience	2014	Ending	[459]
August 9	*The Carmichael Show*	NBC	2015	Canceled	[460]
August 12	*Orphan Black*	BBC America	2013	Ending	[461]
August 12	*Turn: Washington's Spies*	AMC	2014	Ending	[462]

August 19	*Love Thy Neighbor*	OWN	2013		[citation needed]
Summer	*T.D. Jakes*	Syndication	2016	Canceled	[463]
September	*The Insider*		2004	Ending	[464]
TBA	*Halt and Catch Fire*	AMC	2014		[465]
	The Strain	FX			[466]
	Teen Wolf	MTV	2011		[467]
	Episodes	Showtime			[468]
	Harvey Beaks	Nicktoons	2015	Canceled	[469]
	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Nickelodeon	2012	Ending	[470]
	Longmire	Netflix			[471]

Programs entering syndication in 2017

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (three or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

Show	Seasons	In Production	Source
Mom	5	Yes	[472]
The Goldbergs	5		[473]

Brooklyn Nine-Nine	5		[474]
Impractical Jokers	10		[475]
Dateline NBC	25		[476]

Networks and services

Network launches

Network	Type	Launch date	Notes	Source
PBS Kids	Over-the-air multicast	January 16[477]	The 24/7 digital broadcast network, available on many PBS member stations as a digital subchannel (particularly those which in the past, PBS had routinely supplied content for their independently programmed, kid-targeted subchannels) and through apps and streaming services, features a broad mix of the public television service's current inventory of children's programming. The PBS Kids channel marks PBS' third national children's television network venture; the service operated a DirecTV-funded cable/satellite channel from 1999 to 2005, and formerly co-owned Sprout in conjunction with Comcastand several minority partners from 2005 to 2013.	[478][479][480][477]
TBD	Over-the-air multicast	February 13	Owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group and initially soft-launching on five Sinclair-owned-or-operated stations in Des Moines, Green Bay, Portland, San Antonio, and Syracuse, the network features programming and content originating from various premium internet partners catering to millennial audiences.	[481][482]
Charge!	Over-the-air multicast	February 28	Operating as a joint venture between Sinclair Broadcast Group and MGM Television (which also jointly own the science fiction-focused multicast network Comet),	[483][484]

			Charge focuses on action- and adventure-themed films, as well as a very limited number of television series, sourced primarily from the MGM library.	

Network closures

Network	Type	Closure date	Notes	Source
Northwest Cable News	Regional cable & OTA	January 6	Launched in December 1995 by the Providence Journal Company, the Tegna Media-owned Seattle-based news channel drew resources and content from Tegna stations in Seattle, Portland, Spokane, and Boise. NWCN's shutdown on this date arrives after the retirements or contract buyouts of several high-profile on- and off-screen talent in April 2016, and also comes at a time when the channel's viewership decreased in the face of increased news consumption on other non-TV platforms, along with KTVB's carriage ending due to a corporate mandate to carry the Justice Network. Approximately 25 employees were affected, more than half of whom moved to new positions at other Tegna stations.	[485]
Cloo	Cable and satellite	February 1	The channel launched in 1994 as the CBC-owned arts and culture channel Trio, and was eventually acquired by NBCUniversal, which will convert the channel to Sleuth in 2006, carrying crime and mystery content from the NBCUniversal library. Under Comcast's ownership, the channel rebranded to Cloo in August 2011, but declined due to a drift in format, no original programming output, the easy availability of its programming through other outlets, and its being dropped by several key cable/satellite providers.	[486]
The Works	OTA digital broadcast	February 27	Launched in January 2015, the MGM-owned general entertainment multicast network featured a mix of feature films, classic television sitcoms and drama series from the 1950s through the 1980s, and some limited news and interview programming. The	[487]

			majority of the network's former affiliates – most of which were owned by Titan Broadcast Management – replaced The Works with Sinclair Broadcast Group/MGM joint venture network Charge!, when that network launched on February 28.	
Esquire Network	Cable and satellite	June 28	The Comcast-owned network launched in 1998 as Style, but rebranded to Esquire in 2013 (under a license deal with *Esquire* publisher Hearst Corporation) in an effort to reach male viewers. (It had been set to replace G4, which was later shut down, but the plan was changed due to G4's lack of satellite distribution, which Esquire lost in subsequent contract cycles.) Esquire's viability diminished after DirecTV dropped the channel in December 2016 over low viewership and carriage fees (Charter/Spectrum was about to follow suit; it ended carriage of it and Chilleron April 25 nationwide). The channel will migrate to a digital platform during the transition, with some programming migrating to other NBCU networks, such as *Friday Night Tykes* moving to USA Network as a lead-out from *WWE Raw* in April.	[488][489][490]

Network conversions

Old network name	New network name	Type	Conversion Date	Notes	Source
FamilyNet	The Cowboy Channel	Cable and satellite	July 1	The sister network to RFD-TV, which formerly had carried a classic sitcom and television format for several years after RFD's parent company purchased the network from various religious interests which had owned the network since its 1979 launch, will see their format changed in order to feature more Western and rodeo sports such as the Calgary Stampede and bull riding, bullfighting and chuckwagonracing, along with livestock auctions. The conversion	[491][492][493]

				also ended the last affiliations with the network for over-the-air stations.	
Universal HD	Olympic Channel	Cable and satellite	July 14	A high definition-exclusive network which originated as Bravo HD+ in July 2003 during the format's infant era, the network has declined to featuring mainly repeats from the Universal Television library, along with lower-profile Universal Pictures films, and is being ended due to those issues. Comcast division Xfinity let the network's fate be known through a legal notice on the provider's website. The same day, Comcast, the International Olympic Committee and the United States Olympic Committeewill launch an Americanized version of its Olympic Channel (sub-branded as "The Home of Team USA") using Universal HD's existing satellite slot (and all existing cable/satellite carriage), which features much of the Olympic sports content that moved to Universal HD after Universal Sports Network's 2015 closure. The network will remain exclusively offered in HD.[494][495]	[490]
Sprout	Universal Kids	Cable and satellite	September 9	NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment Group will convert Sprout's general branding on this date to Universal Kids, which will cater to children aged 2–11 in primetime, and feature content from NBCU-owned DreamWorks Animation as well as child-specific reality shows such as *Top Chef Junior* (which finally will launch nine years after it was first proposed to air on Bravo). However, Sprout's preschool-specific programming will remain a major part of the schedule, as a programming block airing from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.	[496][497]

Television stations

Station launches

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Affiliation	Source
January 1	Boston, Massachusetts (Lawrence)	WMFP	60.5	NBC (simulcast of WBTS-LD)	[498]
February 15	Lake Charles, Louisiana	KSWL-LD	17.1	CBS	[57]
March 15	San Diego, California	XHDTV-TDT	49.2	Azteca (temporary home)	[186]
June 1	Charlotte, North Carolina (Kannapolis)	WAXN-TV	64.4	Laff (migrated from sister station WSOC-DT2)	[499]
	St. Joseph, Missouri	KNPG-LD	21.3	Telemundo	[194]
July 1	San Diego, California	KNSD	39.20		[248]
	Lafayette, Indiana	WPBY-CD	49.1	ABC	[255]

Stations changing network affiliation

Date	Market	Station	Channel	Prior affiliation	New affiliation	Source
January 1	Boston, Massachusetts (Merrimack, New Hampshire)	WHDH	7.1	NBC	Independent	[500]
		WBTS-LD	8.1	Independent/Cozi TV	NBC	[501]

		WNEU-DT2	60.2			
	Wilmington, North Carolina	WILM-LD	10.1	CBS	Independent	[502][503]
		WWAY-DT2	3.2	The CW	CBS	
		WWAY-DT3	3.3	Cozi TV	The CW	
January 18	Albuquerque, New Mexico	KASA-TV	2.1	Fox	Telemundo	[504]
		KRQE	13.2	GetTV	Fox	
January 29	Kingsport, Tennessee	WKPT-TV	19.1	MyNetworkTV	Cozi TV	[505]
			19.3	Cozi TV	Laff	
		WAPK-CD	36.3	Laff	Bounce TV	
March 1	Buffalo, New York (Springville)	WBBZ-DT2	67.2	This TV	Heroes & Icons	[506]
May 1	San Diego, California	KFMB-DT2	8.2	MeTV	temporarily vacant	[citation needed]
		KGTV-DT2	10.2	Transitional newscast loop (instituted after	MeTV	[citation needed]

		KZSD-LP	41	disaffiliation from Azteca América)		[citation needed]
May 31		XETV-TDT	6.1	The CW	Canal 5	[184][507]
		KFMB-DT2	8.2	temporarily vacant	The CW	[508]
June 1	St. Joseph, Missouri	KCJO-LD	30.1	Telemundo (migrated to sister station KNPG-LD3)	CBS	[194][193][192]
	Charlotte, North Carolina	WSOC-DT2	9.2	Laff	Telemundo	[499]
June 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Fond du Lac)	WIWN	68.1	Sonlife	Cozi TV (Sonlife moved to digital channel 68.8 on May 1)	[citation needed]
July 1	San Diego, California	XHAS-TDT	33.1	Telemundo	Azteca América	[244]

Station closures

Station	Channel	Affiliation	Market	Date	Notes	Source
WHTV	18.#	MyNetworkTV	Jackson/Lansing, Michigan	TBD	WHTV was sold in the broadcast spectrum incentive auction by owner Venture Technologies Group. No announcements have been made to where its	[509]

					programming and affiliation will move, with the existing schedule dumped on May 1 to carry the former DT2 affiliation of Jewelry Television until it ends operations, a date that has changed multiple times. The station is programmed by E.W. Scripps Company via a JSA with Fox affiliate WSYM-TV.	
WBIN-TV	50.#	Independent	Manchester, New Hampshire/Boston, Massachusetts	TBD	WBIN owner Carlisle One Media announced on February 17 its intent to exit the television business by divesting the channel 50 license as part of the spectrum auction and announcing plans to sell translators to other broadcasters. In addition, WBIN immediately shut down its in-house news department, which was part of the Binnie-owned NH1 News division, which will retain a radio and digital presence. This marks the second time that the channel 50 license in the Boston market has been returned to the FCC (after WXPO-TV), with the sale leaving Manchester-based ABC affiliate WMUR-TV as the only full-power English language television station licensed to New Hampshire. On May 4, 2017, Binnie Media filed	[510][511][512][513]

					an application for WBIN-TV to enter into a channel sharing agreement with UniMás owned-and-operated station WUTF-DT (channel 66), in which Univision Communications would be granted the option of acquiring the WBIN license. Univision exercised that option on May 8, purchasing the channel 50 license for $16.76 million; it is not yet known if Univision plans to convert WBIN into either a repeater of WUTF or a Univision O&O (Univision is currently available in Boston through Entravision-owned affiliate WUNI (channel 27)).	
WCMZ-TV	28.#	PBS	Flint/Saginaw/Bay City, Michigan	TBD	Central Michigan University, owner of WCMU-TV and several satellite stations of the PBS member in the Northern Michigan region, announced it will sell WCMZ-TV's broadcast spectrum in the FCC spectrum auction for $14 million to reduce redundancy of PBS programming in the market, which is also served by Delta College-owned PBS	[514]

					member WDCQ-TV.	
WUSF-TV	16.#	PBS	Tampa/ St. Petersburg/ Clearwater, Florida	TBD	The University of South Florida announced on February 9 that it will sell WUSF-TV's broadcast spectrum as part of the FCC's spectrum auction for $18.8 million. PBS programming will remain available in the Tampa–St. Petersburg market through its primary member station in the area, WEDU.	[515]
WVTA	41.#	PBS	Windsor, Vermont	TBD	Vermont PBS announced on February 17, 2017 that it will sell the broadcast license for WVTA, which transmits from Mount Ascutney, for $56 million in the FCC spectrum auction. In a statement, the member network said that its other signals will be upgraded to cover the viewing area (southeastern Vermont an d southwestern New Hampshire) served by WVTA.	[516][517]
WRNN -TV	48.#	Independent	Kingston, New York and the Hudson Valley	TBD	WRNN-TV was sold in the broadcast spectrum auction for $212 million, in what is believed to be the highest payout for any station in the spectrum auction. The "Regional News Network" programming will continue	[518]

					through some other, unspecified method after the station goes off the air.	
WPBO	42.#	PBS	Portsmouth, Ohio/Huntington/Charleston, West Virginia	TBD	WPBO, a satellite station of Columbus-based WOSU-TV, was sold in the spectrum auction by owner Ohio State University, which cited an "incredible duplication of PBS signals" in WPBO's broadcast area (far southern Ohio, western West Virginia, and northeastern Kentucky). Proceeds from the $8.8 million sale of WPBO will remain with WOSU-TV, which will continue operations.	[519][520]
WCGV-TV	24.#	MyNetworkTV	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	TBD	WCGV-TV was sold in the spectrum auction for $84.3 million, and owner Sinclair Broadcast Group had originally indicated it would enter a channel sharing agreement with sister CW affiliate WVTV. However with Sinclair's attempted acquisition of Tribune Media, which would include Milwaukee Fox affiliate WITI, Sinclair revealed in its FCC filing regarding the merger that it now intends to sign off WCGV-TV completely without any channel sharing agreement in order to allow it to acquire WITI and retain WVTV.	[522]

					[521]WCGV's program schedule, MyNetworkTV affiliation (and "My 24" branding) and subchannels are expected to be dispersed among WVTV and WITI after it ends operations in its present form.	

Station spectrum transitions

Former station	New station	Channel	Affiliation	Market	Date	Notes	Source

KSPR	KSPR-LD	33.1	ABC	Springfield, Missouri	February 1	KSPR's full-power spectrum was sold in the spectrum auction, with KSPR's owner Schurz Communications transferring its ABC affiliation to Gray Televisionas it withdrew from broadcasting and to what was Gray's KYCW-LD, Springfield's CW affiliate four months in advance, which was re-called as KSPR-LD and assumed the ABC affiliation and channel 33 virtual channel (The CW moved to KSPR-LD2). KSPR was re-called as KGHZ in reference to the spectrum auction, and remained on the air with an Antenna TV affiliation also carried by KSPR-LD3 until the license was returned to the FCC by Schurz on May 31; the former KSPR transmitter was repurposed for Branson-licensed low-power station KYCW-LD, which carries The CW, Cozi TV and WeatherNation over three subchannels.	[523]
WAGT	WAGT-CD	26.1	NBC	Augusta, Georgia	May 31	WAGT's full-power license was sold in the spectrum auction for $40.7 million by owner Gray Television. WAGT-CD would have assumed WAGT's virtual channel number and	[524]

						subchannels a year earlier if not for ownership complications involving Schurz's sale of WAGT and an existing joint sales and shared services agreements with Media General at the time which required sorting out. WAGT-CD departed from a transitional affiliation with Youtoo America.	
WIFR	WIFR-LD	23.1	CBS	Freeport/Rockford, Illinois	May 31	WIFR's full-power license was sold in the spectrum auction for slightly over $50 million. Gray acquired the low-power license W22EE-D from DTV America in 2016 (which had never gone on the air), and used that license to transfer over WIFR's CBS affiliation, virtual channel number, and subchannels to maintain its existing operations (including existing transmitter) at a lower power which claims service of 95% of the market over-the-air, while turning the full-power WIFR license into the FCC.	[525]

Deaths

Date	Name	Age	Notability	Source

January 2	Richard Machowicz	51	Former Navy SEAL and host of Discovery Channel's *Future Weapons*	[526]
January 5	Sam Lovullo	88	Producer (co-creator of *Hee Haw*)	[527]
January 6	Francine York	80	American actress, model, and fitness activist, notable for playing Lydia Limpet on *Batman*, Venus DeMilo in *Bewitched*, a regular role as Lorraine Farr Temple on *Days of Our Lives*, and guest roles in *Shirley Temple's Storybook*, *The Mindy Project*and *Hot in Cleveland*; recurring roles on *All My Children*, *One Life to Live*, and *Santa Barbara*	[528]
January 10	Tony Rosato	62	Canadian actor, most noteworthy for being a cast member on *SCTV* and *Saturday Night Live*	[529]
January 12	William Peter Blatty	89	American Oscar-winning screenwriter and author/novelist, whose best-selling thriller novel *The Exorcist* became the basis for the franchise that included the film and TV series.	[530]
January 13	Dick Gautier	85	American-born Canadian actor, singer, voice actor, comedian, game show panelist, author and artist, notable for playing Hymie the robot on *Get Smart*, Robin Hood in *When Things Were Rotten*, and the voice of Rodimus Prime in the Transformers television series universe	[531]
January 15	James Reiher	73	Fijian professional WWE Hall of Fame wrestler, better known as Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka	[532]
January 19	Loalwa Braz	63	Brazilian singer/songwriter and former member of Kaoma (appeared on *The Arsenio Hall Show* and *Sabado Gigante*)	[533]
	Miguel Ferrer	61	American actor (Dr. Garret Macy on *Crossing Jordan*, Owen Granger on *NCIS: Los Angeles*, and Albert	[534]

			Rosenfield on *Twin Peaks*; other starring roles include *Shannon's Deal*, *Broken Badges*, *On the Air*, *Cruel Doubt*, *The Stand*, *LateLine*, *Bionic Woman* and *The Protector*).	
January 21	Maggie Roche	65	American singer/songwriter and member of the family trio The Roches (TV credits include *Tiny Toon Adventures*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *Tracey Takes On*)	[535]
January 22	Connor Vernon	63	Meteorologist who worked at Alabama stations WTVY-TV and WDHN in Dothan (the latter from 2014 until his death), and WSFA in Montgomery	[536]
January 25	Mary Tyler Moore	80	American Emmy-award-winning actress, singer, activist, and businesswoman, best known as Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and Mary Richards on her self-titled series, as well as co-founder of MTM Enterprises, among numerous other series and telefilm credits	[537]
January 26	Mike Connors	91	American actor, notable for playing Joe Mannix in the 1967-75 series *Mannix*, as well as lead roles in *Tightrope!* and *Today's FBI*	[538]
	Barbara Hale	94	American actress, notable for playing Della Street in the *Perry Mason* TV series and subsequent TV movie versions.	[539]
January 27	Stan Boreson	91	Comedian and TV personality, best known as the host of *King's Klubhouse* on KING-TV/Seattle for 12 years	[540]
January 31	Frank Pellegrino	72	Actor and restaurateur, best known as Frank Cubitoso on *The Sopranos*	[541]
February 6	Irwin Corey	102	American improviser, comedian, actor and humorist (TV credits include *The Phil Silvers Show* and *The Donald O'Connor Show*, numerous game shows, and promos	[542]

			for WJAR-TV/Providence and WTMJ-TV/Milwaukee)	
February 7	Richard Hatch	71	Actor, best known as Captain Apollo in the original 1978 *Battlestar Galactica* and Tom Zarek in its 2004 remake	[543]
February 11	Chavo Guerrero Sr.	68	Professional wrestler who worked in the Universal Wrestling Federation, the American Wrestling Association, and the WWEfrom 1970 to 2010; oldest WWE Cruiserweight Champion; father of Chavo Guerrero Jr.	[544]
	Howard Leeds	97	Canadian-born American television producer, writer, and creator (notable for creating and producing *My Living Doll*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, *The Facts of Life*, *Small Wonder*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Silver Spoons*, *The Ghost & Mrs. Muir*, and *Hello Larry*; writer for *Bewitched*, *Bachelor Father*, *My Three Sons*, *Meet Millie*, *Make Room for Daddy*, and *Barney Miller*; co-writer on specials featuring Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Benny Hill, among others)	[545]
February 12	Jay Bontatibus	52	American actor (*The Young and the Restless*, *General Hospital* and *Days of Our Lives*)	[546]
	Al Jarreau	76	American Grammy-award-winning singer/songwriter, notable for recording the theme song from *Moonlighting* and appearing as himself on *The Soul Man*	[547]
February 15	Bruce Lansbury	87	British-born American television/film producer, founder of Bruce Lansbury Productions, and "Vice President of Creative Affairs" (as shown on closing credits) for Paramount Television (Notable work includes *The Wild Wild West*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Wonder Woman*, *Knight Rider*, *The Fantastic Journey*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Happy Days*, *The Odd Couple*, and producer/co-writer on *Murder, She Wrote*, starring his sister, Angela)	[548]

February 16	Nicole Bass	52	Professional wrestler who worked with the WWE and Extreme Championship Wrestling in the 90's and a member of Howard Stern's Wack Pack; guest roles on *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Days of Our Lives*, *General Hospital* and *Guiding Light*	[549]
	Jim Myers	79	WWE Hall of Fame professional wrestler better known as George "The Animal" Steele	[550]
February 17	Warren Frost	91	Actor, best known as Will "Doc" Hayward on *Twin Peaks*. Also recurring roles on *Seinfeld* and *Matlock* and guest spots on *Another World*, *Loving*, and *As the World Turns*.	[551]
February 18	Oreal Perras	74	Former WWWF and NWA professional wrestler, better known as "The Russian Bear" Ivan Koloff	[552]
February 20	Brenda Buttner	55	American business/financial news reporter (correspondent on *Bulls & Bears*, host of *The Money Club*, and contributor on *Your World with Neil Cavuto*) and reporter for KRNV-DT/Reno	[553]
February 23	Ward Chamberlin	95	Executive with WETA-TV/Washington, D.C. and WNET/New York City and original chairman of Corporation for Public Broadcasting	[554]
	Alan Colmes	66	American political commentator and TV/radio personality (co-host of *Hannity & Colmes*, frequent guest on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Red Eye*, *The Greg Gutfeld Show*, and *Fox News Watch*)	[555]
February 25	Neil Fingleton	36	English-American actor and basketball player, notable for playing Mag the Mighty in *Game of Thrones*	[556]
	Bill Paxton	61	American film/television actor and filmmaker, notable for portraying characters roles such as Frank Roake on *Training Day*, John Garrett in *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, Bill Henrickson in *Big Love*, Billy Joe Robb	[557]

			in *Fresno* and Randolph McCoy in *Hatfields & McCoys*; guest roles on *Miami Vice*, *The Hitchhiker*, *Tales from the Crypt*, *Frasier*, narrator on *JFK: The Day That Changed Everything*, and appearances in music videos for Barnes and Barnes ("Fish Heads", which he also directed), Pat Benatar ("Shadows of the Night") and Limp Bizkit ("Eat You Alive")	
	Chez Pazienza	47	American TV producer at cable news channels MSNBC and CNN; Los Angeles stations KCBS, KNBC and KCAL; and Miami stations WTVJ and WPLG	[558]
	Ron Savage	63	Anchor/reporter at WJBK/Detroit and volunteer firefighter/EMT for the Milford Fire Department	[559]
February 26	Joseph Wapner	97	Former Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, who became better known as the Judge on *The People's Court*from 1981 to 1993 and *Judge Wapner's Animal Court*; appeared as an alternate version of himself (as a "Soviet Judge") in *Sliders*, and an episode of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* to resolve a dispute between the host and David Letterman	[560]
February 28	Paul Kangas	79	Anchor of *Nightly Business Report* from 1979–2009	[561]
March 3	Míriam Colón	80	Puerto Rican actress (*Studio One in Hollywood*, *Shirley Temple's Storybook*, *Dr. Kildare*, *The Great Adventure*, *Gunsmoke*, *The Edge of Night*, *Streets of Laredo*, *One Life to Live*, *Guiding Light*, *All My Children*, *Third Watch*, *Jonny Zero*, *Hawthorne*, *How to Make It in America* and *Better Call Saul*)	[562]
	Tommy Page	46	American singer/actor, VJ, record executive, and journalist/editor at *Billboard* (appeared on *Full House* and hosting duties for programs on MTV and MTV Asia)	[563]

	Ron Heard	68	Former NWA and WWF professional wrestler, better known as "Outlaw" Ron Bass	[564]
March 6	Robert Osborne	84	Host on Turner Classic Movies since the network's launch in 1994, The Movie Channel from 1986–1993 and entertainment critic on KTTV from 1982–1987. Also author/film historian (columnist at *The Hollywood Reporter*) and actor (appeared in *The Beverly Hillbillies* and *The Californians*).	[565]
March 7	Doug Paul	59	Voice-over announcer for promos on Tribune Broadcasting's stations, including WGN-TV, WPIX and KTLA in the 80's and 90's and Peachtree TV and Grit in the present day, along with commercial clients like JoS. A. Bank and Coca-Cola.	[566]
March 8	Lou Duva	94	American boxing promoter, manager and trainer; member of the Boxing Hall of Fame (*ABC's Wide World of Sports*, *Showtime Championship Boxing*, *ESPN Top Rank Boxing*, *HBO Boxing*, *Friday Night Fights*, *ESPN SportsCentury*)	[567]
March 11	Joni Sledge	60	American singer/songwriter/producer and a member of family musical group Sister Sledge (TV credits include *The Jeffersons*, *American Bandstand*, *Fridays*, *Soul Train*, and *The Midnight Special*)	[568]
March 13	John Andariese	78	Sports journalist, reporter and analyst, nicknamed "Johnny Hoops" for his play-by-play of the New York Knicks broadcasts on TV and radio; also served as commentator on TBS, NBC, ESPN and NBA TV, the latter as TV host	[569]
	Mike Aktari	28	Reality TV star (*Jerseylicious*)	[570]
March 17	Lawrence Montaigne	86	Actor (guest spots on *Star Trek*, *Batman*, *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*, *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, *Blue Light*, *Mission: Impossible*, *The Time Tunnel*, *The*	[571]

			Invaders, *Perry Mason*, *McCloud*, and *The Feather and Father Gang*).	
March 18	Chuck Berry	90	American Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer, songwriter and guitarist whose music can be heard in numerous TV shows	[572]
March 21	Chuck Barris	87	Game show producer (Creator of *The Newlywed Game*, *The Dating Game*, *The Family Game*, and *The Parent Game*). Also host/creator of *The Gong Show* and founder of Chuck Barris Productions	[573]
March 22	Vince Jones	46	Bounty hunter and star of *Big Rig Bounty Hunters*	[574]
	Tomas Milian	84	Cuban-born American-Italian actor (*Miami Vice*, *The Equalizer*, *Drug Wars: The Camarena Story*, *L.A. Law*, *Frannie's Turn*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Oz*, *Law & Order*, and *UC: Undercover*)	[575]
March 23	Lola Albright	92	Actress (guest appearances on *Lux Video Theatre*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *The Thin Man*, *Gunsmoke*, *Rawhide*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *My Three Sons*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Bonanza*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, *Medical Center*, *Kojak*, *Columbo*, *McMillan & Wife*, *Quincy, M.E.*, *Starsky & Hutch*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Peter Gunn*, *Mr. Broadway*, and *Peyton Place*)	[576]
March 24	Rich Fisher	67	News anchor at Detroit stations WJBK, WWJ-TV, and WXYZ-TV	[577]
	Jean Rouverol	100	Screenwriter (co-head writer on *Guiding Light* in the early 1970s, wrote episodes of *Little House on the Prairie*, *Search for Tomorrow* and *As the World Turns*). Also served on the board of directors of the Writers Guild of America, West.	[578]

March 26	Clay Adler	27	Actor and reality star (*Newport Harbor: The Real Orange County*, *Make It or Break It*)	[579]
March 27	Noreen Fraser	63	Producer (*Entertainment Tonight*, *The Home Show*, *The Richard Simmons Show*). Also co-founder of Stand Up to Cancer.	[580]
March 28	Kelley Williamson	57	Storm chasers who worked for The Weather Channel	[581]
	Randy Yarnall	55		
March 31	Scott Brown	59	Political/investigative journalist for WGRZ/Buffalo, New York	[582]
April 5	Chelsea Brown	69	American comedic actress/singer/dancer, who was a regular on *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* and later a successful television actress and personality in Australia (TV credits include *Love, American Style*, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, *Ironside*, *Matt Lincoln*, and *Mission: Impossible*)	[583]
April 6	Don Rickles	90	Comedian and actor who made numerous appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, and *The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast*. Won a Primetime Emmy Award for his autobiographical documentary, *Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project*. Also lead roles in the sitcom *C.P.O. Sharkey*, two series named *The Don Rickles Show*, and the short-lived sitcom *Daddy Dearest*.	[584]
	Tom Johnston	46	Meteorologist at WCSH/Portland, Maine. Found dead April 6; likely died several days prior.	[585]
April 7	Frank	83	Radio and Television personality in the Omaha market,	[586]

	Bramhall		notably as a meteorologist at WOWT	
April 9	Peter Hansen	95	Actor, best known as Lee Baldwin on *General Hospital* and its spinoff *Port Charles*. Also guest spots on *The Public Defender*, *Ben Jerrod*, *The Goldbergs*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Broken Arrow*, *Richard Diamond, Private Detective*, *Maverick*, *Petticoat Junction*, *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*, *How The West Was Won*, *Magnum, P.I.*, *L.A. Law*, *Night Court*, and *Growing Pains*.	[587]
April 11	Dorothy Mengering	95	Mother of David Letterman, made numerous appearances on his programs *Late Night* and *Late Show*	[588]
April 12	Charlie Murphy	57	Actor and comedian (writer and cast member on *Chappelle's Show*, recurring roles on *Are We There Yet?* and *The Boondocks*). Brother of actor/comedian Eddie Murphy.	[589]
April 15	Clifton James	96	Actor (recurring roles on *Captains and the Kings*, *Lewis & Clark*, and *All My Children*; guest spots on *The Dukes of Hazzard*, *City of Angels*, *The A-Team*, and *Gunsmoke*).	[590]
April 17	Trish Vradenburg	70	Screenwriter (*Designing Women*, *Kate & Allie*, *Family Ties*, and *Everything's Relative*)	[591]
April 20	Doug Smith	81	On-air personality at WIVB-TV in Buffalo, New York	[592]
April 21	Sandy Gallin	76	American film, stage, and television producer, manager, and promoter (co-creator and co-producer of *Live... and In Person*, *Babes*, and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*)	[593]
April 22	Erin Moran	56	American actress best known for her role of Joanie Cunningham in *Happy Days* and its spinoff *Joanie Loves Chachi*	[594]

April 23	Chris Bearde	80	Australian writer and producer (*Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, *The Ray Stevens Show*, *The Andy Williams Show*, *The Ken Berry 'Wow' Show*, *The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*, *The Sonny Comedy Revue*, *The Hudson Brothers Razzle Dazzle Show*, *That's My Mama*, *Cos*, *The Gong Show*, *The Bobby Vinton Show*, *Sherman Oaks* and *The Gong Show with Dave Attell*)	[595]
	Kathleen Crowley	87	American actress (*Chevron Theatre*, *Waterfront*, *Fireside Theatre*, *Schlitz Playhouse*, *Climax!*, *Matinee Theatre*, *Bat Masterson*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *Surfside 6*, *Hawaiian Eye*, *Bronco*, *Maverick*, *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *Perry Mason*, *Batman*, *Bonanza* and *Family Affair*)	[596]
April 26	Jonathan Demme	73	American Oscar-winning film, television, and music video director and producer (TV credits include *Columbo*, *Saturday Night Live*, *American Playhouse*, *Subway Stories*, *Enlightened*, *A Gifted Man*, *The Killing*, *The New Yorker Presents* and *Shots Fired*)	[597]
May 4	Ed Sherin	87	Director/producer, most notably on *Law & Order*	[598]
May 5	Quinn O'Hara	76	Scottish-born American actress, singer, and model (TV credits include *Burke's Law, I'm Dickens, He's Fenster, The Real McCoys, My Three Sons, The Red Skelton Hour, The Beverly Hillbillies, The Man from U.N.C.L.E., Ironside, One Day at a Time* and *CHiPs*)	[599]
	Robert Wilson	75	Co-Founder and General Manager of KERA-TV & FM Dallas-Ft. Worth, credited for introducing *Monty Python's Flying Circus* to American viewers; father of Luke and Owen Wilson	[600]
May 8	Curt Lowens	91	German-American actor and Holocaust survivor (*Combat!*, *Twelve O'Clock High*, *Hogan's Heroes*, *Garrison's Gorillas* *Run for Your Life*, *Mission: Impossible*, *The F.B.I.*, *It Takes a Thief*, *Medical Center*, *M*A*S*H*, *Cannon*, *The Streets of San*	[601]

			Francisco, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *Wonder Woman*, *The French Atlantic Affair*, *Barnaby Jones*, *Galactica 1980*, *Romance Theatre*, *V*, *Dynasty*, *Knight Rider*, *The A-Team*, and *Babylon 5*)	
May 9	Christopher "Big Black" Boykin	45	Actor and reality television personality (*Rob & Big*, *Rob Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory*)	[602]
	Michael Parks	77	American singer and actor (*Zane Grey Theater*, *The Detectives*, *The Dick Powell Show*, *Gunsmoke*, *The Alfred Hitchcock Hour*, *Wagon Train*, *Channing*, *Route 66*, *Then Came Bronson*, *Police Woman*, *Fantasy Island*, *The Riverman*, *The Colbys*, *The Equalizer*, *Twin Peaks*, *Shades of LA*, and *Walker, Texas Ranger*)	[603]
May 10	Douglas Netter	96	American producer (*The Sacketts*, *Buffalo Soldiers*, *Wild Times*, *Roughnecks*, *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*, *Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future*, *Babylon 5*, *The Wild West*, *Siringo*, *Hypernauts*, *Crusade* and *Dan Dare: Pilot of the Future*)	[604]
May 13	John Cygan	63	Actor (several roles, most notably Lt. Paulie Pentangeli on *The Commish*)	[605]
May 14	Powers Boothe	68	Emmy-winning actor (Philip Marlowe on *Philip Marlowe, Private Eye*, Cy Tolliver on *Deadwood*, Noah Daniels on *24*, Lamar Wyatt on *Nashville*, Gideon Malick on *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and the voice of Gorilla Grodd on *Justice League*).	[606]
May 18	Roger Ailes	77	CEO of Fox News Channel and Fox Television Stations, Creator of America's Talking and former host of *Straight Forward*.	[607]
	Chris	52	Singer and guitarist	[608]

	Cornell		(Soundgarden, Audioslave and Temple of the Dog)	
May 19	Wayne Walker	80	Retired football player (Detroit Lions) and later sportscaster/sports director at KPIX-TV/San Francisco from 1974–1994. Also color commentator for NFL on CBS in the 1980s, and host of *Incredible Idaho* on KTVB-TV/Boise in the 1990s.	[609]
May 22	Dina Merrill	93	American actress, socialite, businesswoman and philanthropist (credits include a regular role in *Hot Pursuit*, Calamity Jan in *Batman* alongside then-husband Cliff Robertson, *Bonanza*, *The Love Boat*, and *The Nanny*; TV movies include *Seven in Darkness*, *The Lonely Profession*, *Family Flight*, and *The Tenth Month*)	[610]
May 23	Roger Moore	89	British actor best known as James Bond in seven movies. (TV credits include *Ivanhoe*, *The Alaskans*, *Maverick*, *The Saint*, and *The Persuaders!*)	[611][612]
May 25	Jared Martin	75	American actor (starring roles in *The Fantastic Journey*, *One Life to Live*, and *War of the Worlds* and a notable recurring role in *Dallas*, as Steven "Dusty" Farlow, and guest roles in *The Young Lawyers*, *The Bold Ones: The Lawyers*, *Night Gallery*, *The Rookies*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *The Waltons*, *How the West Was Won*, *Wonder Woman*, *The Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Hotel*, and *Knight Rider*)	[613]
May 27	Gregg Allman	69	American musician, founding member of The Allman Brothers Band	[614]
May 28	Frank Deford	78	American sportswriter and commentator, correspondent for HBO's *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel*, winner of Emmy, Peabody and CableACE awards	[615]
May 30	Robert Michael Morris	77	Playwright and actor, best known as Mickey Deane in *The Comeback* and Mr Lunt in *Running Wilde*. Also guest spots on *Will & Grace*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *2 Broke*	[616]

			Girls, and several other shows.	
	Elena Verdugo	92	Actress (most notably on *Meet Millie* and *Marcus Welby M.D.*)	[617]
June 3	Danny Dias	34	Reality star (appeared in season 13 of *Road Rules*)	[618]
June 4	Roger Smith	84	Actor best known as Jeff Spencer on *77 Sunset Strip*	[619]
June 5	Marilyn Hall	90	Writer (*Love, American Style* and *Lights, Camera, Monty*) and producer (*A Woman Called Golda*, *Do You Remember Love*, and *The Ginger Tree*). Wife of game show host Monty Hall.	[620]
June 8	Glenne Headly	62	Actress (recurring roles in *Lonesome Dove*, *ER*, *Encore! Encore!*, *Monk*, and *The Night Of*)	[621]
June 9	Adam West	88	American television, film, and voice actor, best known for playing and voicing the role of Bruce Wayne/Batman in the 1966-68 original TV series and in its related DC television universe franchises featuring the character, as well as the voice of Mayor West in *Family Guy*, a regular role in *The Detectives*, pitchman for Nestle Quik, among other numerous performances; alumni of KGMB-TV/Honolulu	[622][623]
June 15	Bill Dana	92	Actor, best known as José Jiménez on his eponymous show. Also made numerous appearances on *The Ed Sullivan Show*	[624]
June 16	Stephen Furst	62	Actor best known as Dr. Elliot Axelrod on *St. Elsewhere* and Vir Cotto on *Babylon 5*. Also guest spots on *Newhart*, *CHiPs*, and *The Jeffersons*	[625]
June 23	Gabe	93	News anchor in New York City for over 50 years, mostly	[626]

	Pressman		at WNBC, but also at WNEW	
June 26	Warren Doremus	91	News anchor at WHEC/Rochester, New York for 45 years. Won the Alfred I. duPont–Columbia University Award in 1976.	[627]
June 27	Michael Bond	91	British author who created the characters in the show *Paddington Bear*	[628]
July 1	Stevie Ryan	33	Reality show personality, star of Stevie TV	[629]
July 6	Joan Lee	95	Model, author, and voice actress (*Iron Man*, *Fantastic Four* and *Spider-Man*). Wife of legendary Marvel Comics writer/editor Stan Lee.	[630]
July 7	Nelsan Ellis	39	Actor, best known for playing Lafayette Reynolds in *True Blood*	[631]
July 9	Wally Burr	91	Voice actor (*Crying Freeman*, *G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero*, *Jem*, *Spider-Man*, *The All-New Super Friends Hour*, *The Skatebirds*, *The Transformers*)	[632]
July 10	Jack Shaheen	81	Consultant on Middle East affairs for CBS News	[633]

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2018 in American television

The Following list of events affecting **American television in 2018**. Events listed include television show debuts, finales, and cancellations; channel launches, closures, and re-brandings; stations

changing or adding their network affiliations; and information about controversies and carriage disputes.

Future events[edit]

January[edit]

Date	Event
28	The 60th Annual Grammy Awards will air on CBS.[1]

February[edit]

Date	Event
4	Super Bowl LII will air on NBC.[2]
9–25	The 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea will air on NBC.[3]

March[edit]

Date	Event
4	The 90th Academy Awards will air on ABC.[4]

April[edit]

Date	Event

May[edit]

Date	Event

June[edit]

Date	Event

TBA[edit]

Date	Event
TBA	Viacom-owned cable channel Spike plans to rebrand itself as the Paramount Network.[5]

Television programs[edit]

Programs debuting in 2018[edit]

These shows are scheduled to premiere in 2018. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
February 19	*Pinkalicious & Peterrific*	PBS Kids	[6]
TBA	*Country Club*	Disney XD	[7]
	Glitch Techs	Nickelodeon	[8]
	Cloak & Dagger	Freeform	[9]
	Green Eggs and Ham	Netflix	[10]

	Lost in Space		[11]
	Love Alarm		[12]
	Spy Kids: Mission Critical		[13]
	The Rain		[14]
	Summer Island Camp	Cartoon Network	[15]
	Mr. Mercedes	Audience	[16]

Television films and specials[edit]

These television films and specials are scheduled to premiere in 2018. The premiere dates may be changed depending on a variety of factors.

First aired	Title	Channel	Source
December	*Life-Size 2*	Freeform	[17]

Miniseries debuting in 2018[edit]

Television films and specials[edit]

Programs changing networks in 2018[edit]

Programs returning in 2018[edit]

The following shows will return with new episodes after being canceled or ended their run previously:

Show	Last aired	Previous channel	New/returning/same channel	Return date	Source

American Idol	2016	Fox	ABC	TBA	[18]
Roseanne	1997	ABC	*same*		[19]
Arrested Development	2013	Netflix			[20]

Programs ending in 2018[edit]

End date	Show	Channel	First aired	Status	Source
TBA	*The Americans*	FX	2013	Ending	[21]
	Adventure Time	Cartoon Network	2010		[22]
	Clarence		2014		[23]
	Portlandia	IFC	2011		[24]
	Game of Thrones	HBO			[25]
	12 Monkeys	Syfy	2015		[26]
	Scandal	ABC	2012		[27]
	New Girl	Fox	2011		[28]
	Star Wars Rebels	Disney XD	2014		[29]

Programs entering syndication in 2018[edit]

A list of programs (current or canceled) that have accumulated enough episodes (between 65 and 100) or seasons (three or more) to be eligible for off-network syndication and/or basic cable runs.

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